

Greenscape Commission Meeting
April 19, 2010, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

Members present: Brian Clayton, Dave Miller, Lynn Huff, and Beth Berg. Absent: Tim Latimer

Tim Latimer will be sharing the Greenscape Commission logo designs submitted by students at Beech Grove Middle School. Members all agreed to donate \$10 each to award to the student whose design is adopted. It was decided to give the student a Visa card with \$50 on it rather than cash.

Brian Clayton reported that only scouts from 108 would be involved in the Arbor Day celebration. Troop 465 is undergoing a reorganization of leadership and will not be participating. He has invited the mayor to attend the tree planting and reception. He will also ask about getting a Tree City flag to present. Beth Berg will invite City Council members and request that they RSVP so the scouts have a good count for refreshments. Lynn Huff sent a letter to Damman's Nursery requesting donation of a tree. Dave Miller will remind Tom Hannan about buying the second tree. Photographs will be taken to document the event, a requirement for our recertification as a Tree City. Miller also suggested submitting an article to the Southsider Voice and The Southside Times.

Discussion of a Mission Statement was tabled until the next meeting.

Berg reviewed the contract letter from Davey Resource Group for doing the assessment of high-risk trees for the tree inventory. The preliminary list of 62 trees to be evaluated requires a total of 30 hours and a \$65 per hour falls well within our budget of \$2200, the amount of our Making Trees Count grant award. Clerk-Treasurer Sarah Kincaid has forwarded the letter to city legal for review and a determination of the appropriate party to sign the agreement. She is still waiting for a response. Miller suggested Kincaid be the signer as she will be involved with submitting the paperwork to the IDNR for reimbursement from our grant award. It will also be put on the agenda for the Board of Works and Public Safety for review. Huff motioned to approve the contract letter contingent upon approval by city legal and with any amendments they would recommend. Clayton seconded the motion. All voted "aye" and the motion passed.

Miller and Berg will meet on Wednesday, April 28 at 6:00pm to inventory trees in Sarah t. Bolton Park. Miller will complete the inventory of Clean City Zone 9. Clayton has completed Zone 4 from Emerson through 8th Avenues.

South Grove student Rose Apelacio, state winner in the Arbor Day poster contest, has also been awarded 3rd place nationally. Berg will contact art teacher LouAnn Pieper about inviting Rose, her family, and teachers to the May 3rd City Council meeting to be recognized for her achievement.

Miller suggested nominating Mrs. Pieper for an individual award from the Indiana Urban Forestry Council to recognize her contributions through her years of encouraging students to participate in the Arbor Day poster contest. The City of Beech Grove received the award as a government entity a couple years ago. Berg will contact the principal at South Grove to get a bio for Mrs. Pieper to include with the nomination submission, due in August.

The Clean-Up Day in the parks was a great success. Over 30 people came out to mulch planting areas, paint restroom buildings, and pick-up fallen limbs and other winter debris in Sarah t. Bolton Park. Parks Director Tom Hannan was very pleased with all that was accomplished.

Berg reported that the construction of a new vehicular bridge was underway in Sarah T. Bolton. Huff asked about the pedestrian bridge, which is also in need of repair. The Parks Department and Board are aware of the problem, but at this time there are no funds to do the work needed. The bridge also needs to be made handicap-accessible.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, May 17, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Berg, Greenscape Commission Secretary