

Greenscape Commission Meeting
February 28, 2011, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

Members present: Dave Miller, Tim Latimer, Lynn Huff, Beth Berg.

Lynn Huff presented a box of wildflower seeds for a shady garden to be donated to the Parks Department. Beth Berg will deliver the seeds to Tom Hannan to be planted in an appropriate location(s).

Tim Latimer reported The Promoter's Club Clean-Up Beech Grove Day is Saturday, April 23 beginning at 7:30am. The Community Clean-Up Day in the Parks will follow on the same day at 9:00am. This year the focus will be on Hartman Park and South Grove Park, and may include replacing the roof on the Hilltop Restroom building in Sarah Bolton Park. Berg reported that Tom Hannan is looking at what work can be done this year and his list will determine where volunteers are needed.

Dave Miller discussed plans for this year's Arbor Day Celebration. Miller is still looking for a local nursery that can provide American Beech trees for planting, so the commission will hold off on setting a date until we have a source for a tree(s). Locally grown trees will have a better success rate for survival, and an American Beech, being a native species, is more desirable than a European Beech.

Miller suggested contacting the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce to partner with for a tree-planting project. Berg suggested having a specific project to present for consideration. Shade trees on Cleveland at the Beech Grove Middle School Softball Field, at Hartman Park for Little League, and along 5th Avenue north and south of Main Street were discussed. With it's wide planting strip, 5th Avenue is a very good residential area for street trees and would work well with the Main Street Project. Latimer will make the initial contact with the Chamber.

Miller suggested the commission share a copy of the 2009 Tree Inventory Summary Report with Mayor Dilk so he will be aware of the findings and needs for the city. Berg will deliver a copy to the Mayor.

Berg reported the city now has a Facebook page. The commission can use the page to get out information to citizens. News items should be sent to Joey Fox, Communications Director, for publication. Berg also reported the commission can add a note to citizens on sanitation bills. Space is limited, so it must be concise, and would need to be approved by Clerk-Treasurer Chris Duffer.

There was discussion on wording for an advisory to citizens regarding trees which are not recommended for planting due to over population or state-issued quarantine, It was decided to use the words "The Greenscape Commission strongly discourages the planting of ...".

Berg gave an update for the Parks Board. The Board is looking into replacing the walk bridge in Sarah Bolton Park with an historic bridge that would be "free", but must be moved at the Board's expense, hopefully with volunteered assistance. Also, Ed Marks is looking into removing the silt build-up in Lick Creek that has caused the water to flow towards the east bank along the road past the baseball diamond. The bank is eroding severely and the row of burning bushes is endangered, with some already falling into the creek.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, March 21, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Berg, Greenscape Commission Secretary