

Greenscape Commission Meeting
Monday, October 19, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center

Members present: Dave Miller, Brian Clayton, Beth Berg, and Lynn Huff. Guests: Mayor Wright, Bud Templin and Ed Bell.

Mayor Wright swore in Lynn Huff as a member of our commission, replacing Mike Masterson. Lynn provided her contact information. Beth Berg will send it to all commission members, and to Lynn Rekeweg to add to our webpages and email list.

Dave Miller suggested we purchase five copies of a pruning standards book from the International Society of Arborists. Having them available will bring us into compliance with our ordinance.

Miller informed the Mayor about Lyndsay Purcell from Purdue University providing free training on pruning trees for city employees who work on trees. Mayor Wright thought this would be desirable and reiterated his promise to maintain the city's landscaping. There was also discussion on preserving the Hornet Park Woods, which contains many native trees. This is parks property. These woods could provide educational opportunities for the schools and community. Miller suggested using stone markers to identify trees. They have worked well in other areas. Mayor Wright shared that there are plans to expand the Community Center in the future and that could encroach on the wooded area. Berg shared that current plans for the center are to better utilize existing space in the building, and that the Parks Board is interested in preserving the area as well.

Lynn Huff mentioned a video on tree planting Eli Lilly produced to train employees who planted trees as part of a volunteer effort for their Day of Sharing. The video sounded like a great resource for the community. Huff will see if Lilly would be willing to share a copy we could post on our website. She will also review our site and let us know if she has ideas for improving it. Berg will get her copies of some publications that will help her get up to speed on what we are about.

It is nearing time for us to seek recertification as a Tree City. Berg will send Miller photos from the Arbor Day Tree planting at South Grove Intermediate School, as well as the Mayor's proclamation from the event. These items need to be included with our recertification application.

Inventory of street trees is nearing completion. We will do the park trees in the early spring. Over the winter we will review the information we have so far, and begin working on a plan for regular maintenance.

Berg reported from the Parks Board that they are in the process of updating the Five-Year Master Plan for the parks. A survey soliciting public input will be available soon.

Miller will be out of town until November 15th. He will notify Teri Cincebox so she can contact other commission members if any situation requiring attention come up while he is away.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, November 16, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg

Greenscape Commission Secretary