

Greenscape Commission Meeting
Monday, May 18, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center, Room A

Members present: Dave Miller, Tim Latimer, Brian Clayton, and Beth Berg. Guest: Debbie Springer

Beth Berg reported she has a meeting set up with Mike Condre of the Schneider Corporation and Brad Meriwether with the city to install the tree inventory database on Brad's laptop computer and the city's handheld GPS device. The meeting will be Wednesday at 10am in Brad's office if anyone else is available to attend. Dave Miller brought up some questions to be asked, specifically of there is a fail safe to ensure that a tree cannot be double entered and if we can easily remove a tree from the completed database. Miller also clarified the size of trees to be inventoried. A diameter of 4 inches is standard, but we will include smaller trees if they have planted by residents and skip over larger trees on streets like Garstang and Bethel Avenue that would be considered "weed trees."

Berg will attend the Arbor Day tree planting at South Grove Intermediate School. Miller requested that she get a copy of the proclamation from the Mayor and also a photograph with the Tree City flag, the newly planted tree, the Mayor, Mrs. Pieper and Brianna Spurgeon.

Tim Latimer has spoken with Fred Cavinder from The Southside Voice about doing an article for the paper on the work of the Greenscape Commission. Miller would like to wait until we are ready to begin the tree inventory process so the article will be more timely.

Jennifer Albright, the city's grant writer, contacted Miller regarding a scholarship available for members of the Indiana Urban Forestry Council to attend conferences/workshops. There is a Tree Stewards Program set for June 20 and June 27 that would be of interest. This particular conference may be held in Beech Grove next year, which would be a plus for the city.

Latimer shared that Mike Jenne contacted him regarding three trees at the north end of 9th Avenue that he believes are dead. Miller will investigate and make a recommendation on their removal.

Debbie Springer volunteered her time to assist with the tree inventory when we are ready to collect data. She also invited commission members to attend the next meeting of the Beech Grove Crime Watch Committee.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, June 15, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg
Greenscape Commission Secretary