

Greenscape Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Hornet Park Community Center

Members present: Beth Berg, Sr. Sheila Fitzpatrick, Matt Nelis. Absent: Brenda Wilson, Stuart Wilson.

Guest: Carrie Tauscher, Acting Community & Urban Forestry(CUF) Coordinator

Carrie Tauscher shared several publications with information of interest regarding urban forestry. Topics discussed included:

- Funding - Grants and partnerships with local community service organizations. Beech Grove would be eligible to apply for a grant to re-inventory city owned trees utilizing the services of a private contractor.
- Community Outreach - Website, Facebook, children's education, Nature Explorer Outdoor Classroom, Library events/read a book about trees.
- Utilizing iTree software to track the city tree inventory. This software allows for analysis to provide a dollar amount for stormwater mitigation, which may be valuable information for the city's MS4 program and placing a value on the city's urban forest to influence budgetary considerations. Beth will send the current inventory spreadsheet to Carrie for tweaking to upload it into iTree.
- "Going Green in the Grove" Spring Festival - Carrie can provide templates with information about specific tree species for the tree giveaway.
- Volunteer Hours - The commission can benefit the IDNR with obtaining grant funding by submitting their volunteer hours biannually. Carrie will email the forms for this.

Carrie was pleased to learn that Beech Grove does involve the commission with reviewing landscape plans for city projects.

Commission members agreed by consensus that for 2016 Sr. Sheila Fitzpatrick will serve as Chair and Beth Berg will serve as Secretary. Duties for those positions were briefly discussed.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016, 5:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg
Secretary, Beech Grove Greenscape Commission