

Greenscape Commission Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 27, 2017  
Hornet Park Community Center

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

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

Sr. Sheila shared that she spoke with Brad Meriwether and he is good with conducting a new tree inventory for the City. He refers to the current inventory often and after nine years and updated inventory would be beneficial. Sr. Sheila will pursue obtaining cost estimates for hiring a professional to conduct an inventory that would also provide an assessment of trees on city property. Once we have an estimate of cost and services, a proposal for pursuing a Community Forestry Grant can be presented to the Mayor for consideration.

Sr. Sheila also shared that Indiana Tree Stewards will be on the monastery property June 3rd pruning trees. This will be an educational opportunity for the community to learn proper pruning techniques as a hands on experience. More details will be available soon.

Beth suggested this year's Arbor Day ceremony be part of the Going Green in the Grove event again as final plans and a date for the KIB tree planting at the Middle School are still undetermined. Sr. Sheila suggested we wait and see if there is more information available after the walk through of the Middle School project on March 9th. Angel and/or Beth will check with Tom Hannan on whether he is agreeable to having a tree planting at Hornet Park for Arbor Day again this year.

Angel reviewed the list of participants already confirmed for the Going Green in the Grove event. A letter requesting donations to help fund the event has been distributed to area organizations and businesses. Five hundred trees have been ordered from the State Nursery and will be given away. This year's tree selections are White Pine, River Birch, Black Gum, Button Bush and Black Chokeberry, so there is a variety of large, medium and small trees/shrubs. Stuart has secured a room at the Conrad to be auctioned off for money towards purchasing the trees. Angel will follow up with Stuart as to whether the Eagles will be handling this fundraiser. Tim Showalter has offered to cut wood pieces for making 20 bird feeders.

Also discussed for the event were ideas for additional participants and crafts/activities. The event will be held at the Hornet Park Community Center, 1:00pm - 4:00pm on Sunday, April 23rd. The Parks Department will be at the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce Community Fair on March 11th and will advertise the event there along with their schedule of parks programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, March 20, 2017, 5:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Berg, Secretary