

Greenscape Commission Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2013 - 6:00pm  
Hornet Park Community Center

Members present: Dave Miller, Beth Berg, Lynn Huff and Jacki Brown.

No meeting was held in the month of February.

Beth Berg reported that a recent update on the Main Street Project indicates the number of total trees to be planted has been reduced (from 218 to 124) and changes were made with the species selections. The individual unit cost for tree increased, but the overall cost will be less.

Dave Miller reported he found American Beech Trees for sale online from the Arbor Day Foundation for the member price of \$5.98 each. These are 2' - 3' bare root trees. There are also grow bags available, member price is \$2.98 for an 8" bag. The tree starts can be grown in the bags filled with soil for two years and would develop a strong root system for transplanting. They can then be planted in a permanent site. This could be an inexpensive way for the parks or school to have a "nursery" and get more beech trees for the city. Berg will pass the information along to the Parks Department and the BGHS FFA organization for their consideration.

The commission discussed when the best time to inspect the city's ash trees would be. Miller suggested around the first of May when trees will be leafed out. Members will also inspect the trees in the roundabout, looking for branches that may need pruning (cross-branching, branches growing in, and weird branching). Also need to watch how trees are growing with consideration for branches that would interfere with passing traffic.

Next Meeting - Monday, April 15, 2013, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg, Secretary Beech Grove Greenscape Commission