

Beech Grove Greenscape Commission Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2017
Hornet Park Community Center

Meeting came to order at 5:05pm.

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

Stuart emailed an update on the KIB tree planting project at the Middle School. There will be 20 trees planted 50 feet apart in the front and back of the school. The tree planting will be the end of April or first part of October.

Mayor Buckley's attendance has been confirmed for the Going Green in the Grove/Arbor Day event. Members discussed several ideas to make the distribution of tree seedlings easier and improve the information sharing:

1. Have people select their trees, then place them in bags with water and tag them on the spot. It reduces the amount of work beforehand, keeps the seedlings from drying out, and slows the people so we can talk to them and share planting tips.
2. Print simple tags for the trees - common name, species name, and a link to a website providing more information on the tree (eg. best place to plant and tree care tips). This takes them to one of our websites and/or Facebook page.
3. Create the tags so all the species are listed on each tag, then circle the species they select. It simplifies the organization needed, and reduces the time needed to cut the tags.
4. Staple the tags and bag together rather than tie with yarn.

Sr. Sheila will share these ideas with Angel. Brenda will contact Angel about kid craft ideas for the event. Matt offered to contact a company that makes porous pavement mostly from recycled tires.

Sr. Sheila spoke with the Mayor regarding the possible IDNR grant opportunity and he is okay with moving forward. For a new tree inventory, three estimates would be needed in advance. Everyone agreed to wait until after the GGG event to proceed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm

Next meeting: Monday, April 17, 2017, 5:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Berg, Secretary