

Beech Grove Greenscape Commission Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2017  
Hornet Park Community Center

Meeting came to order at 5:03 pm

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

Sister Sheila received a packet of items from the Arbor Day Foundation related to the City being designated a 2016 Tree City USA. The new flag will be presented to the Parks Department and Matt received the Tree City USA hat.

Angel McKenna sent everyone an update on preparations for the Going Green in the Grove Spring Festival and asked Commission members to confirm that anyone they had contacted to participate would be there for the event.

Beth stated Mayor Buckley had a Proclamation for Arbor Day ready to go and Tom Hannan had planted a 20' Tuliptree at the Community Center. She also shared drafts of the tags and information sheets for the trees and shrubs to be given away, which were approved by all present.

Set-up for the event will begin at 11:00am.

Sister Sheila has noticed that mulch around the trees at the roundabout has been mounded around the base of the trees. This "volcano" mulching is a common mistake which holds moisture against the trunk of the tree and may lead to root rot, development of a weak secondary root system and eventual loss of the tree. She will contact Brad Meriwether and let him know the mulch should be cleared away from the trees about three inches.

Members are also interested in the rain garden to be installed in the South Grove Woods neighborhood, one of several stormwater projects the city has planned for this year.

Beth asked if anyone was interested in assisting with posts to the Commission's Facebook page. Matt offered to help and will be given administration rights.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.

Next meeting: Monday, May 15, 2017, 5:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg, Secretary