

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

Meeting came to order at 5:00 pm

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

Matt Nelis attended the Preliminary Field Check Meeting for the Franciscan Trail (Greenway) and shared the information presented. Matt will continue to represent the Greenscape Commission at future meetings for the trail.

Members reviewed minutes from the first meeting of the Mayor's Community Based Initiative (CBI) Committee. The committee will be participating in the Community Readiness Initiative Study and development of a 10-year Master Plan for the city. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 15, 7:00pm at City Hall. Sr. Sheila Fitzpatrick will be representing the Greenscape Commission. Members of all participating organizations will be asked to complete an online survey in September.

Sr. Sheila continues to work with Pam Louks on an estimate for conducting a street tree inventory and will also contact Nate Faris. Brenda Wilson will contact Aren Flint with Davey Resource Group. Three estimates are required for a Community Forest Grant application. Other requirements include using approved inventory software to analyze the data collected and turning responsibility for maintaining the inventory database over to the city. The USDA Forest Service offers a free software suite, i-Tree, which can be utilized.

Discussion on Bird Town USA, an Audubon Society program, was tabled for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Next meeting: Monday, August 21, 2017, 5:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg, Secretary