

Greenscape Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2013
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Miller at 6:00pm

Members Present: Beth Berg, Tim Latimer, Dave Miller and Brenda Wilson. Absent: Jacki Brown.

Guests: Chris Kaufman, Joe Murray, Brindin Parrott and Kim Self, representing BGHS FFA, and JoEllen Castetter.

Members welcomed Brenda Wilson to the commission.

Tuesday, October 8, 6:00pm, was confirmed for the 2013 Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony. Mr. Kaufman will be getting a beech tree which will be planted in the circle in front of the high school. The BGHS FFA students will be participating in the event. Dave Miller will contact the Mayor about preparing a proclamation for the ceremony. Mr. Kaufman will ask Melody Stevens to take photographs and work with the *Southsider Voice* for a news article. Miller suggested a beech tree be planted on the property of each city school. Mr Kaufman agreed that would be a good goal for the future.

Ms. Self shared that the FFA students are organizing a “day of service” for the community on Friday, May 16, 2014. Brindin Parrott stated the FFA students are just beginning on plans for the day; discussing a name for the day and ideas for what kinds of projects could be done to benefit the community. Neighborhood assistance is one idea they be interested in pursuing. They want to work with the Mayor, City Boards and local organizations to build support and get suggestions for projects. They will have a booth at the Promoters Club Fall Festival.

Mr. Kaufman also informed the commission that there is an area behind the bus barn at the high school that could be used for a nursery to grow seedling trees to a good size for planting. Last year they received free trees from State Senator Pat Miller through the IDNR and hope to receive more this year.

Miller will be notifying Brad Meriwether of two sugar maple trees on S. 4th Avenue that are dying. Beth Berg said there is one S. 6th Avenue that is dead. She also asked Miller to inspect an ash tree in Sarah T. Bolton Park at the ball diamond that has a large hollow cavity at the base but otherwise appears healthy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg
Secretary, Beech Grove Greenscape Commission