

Greenscape Commission Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2016
Hornet Park Community Center

Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

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

Brenda Wilson shared that she and Stuart Wilson attended a site meeting at the Beech Grove Middle School regarding the school's Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) grant application. The school's project would involve planting twenty trees along new sidewalks at the north parking lot and softball diamonds and the participation of FFA student members. Mr. Clinton Bullock, BGMS science teacher and Molly Wilson, KIB, also attended. The Commission will continue to offer their assistance should the grant be awarded.

Sister Sheila Fitzpatrick reviewed several state grant opportunities for the city. Potential projects of particular interest were a new/updated tree inventory that would also provide GPS locations for street, parks and other trees on city property, new tree plantings, educational/training opportunities, and developing an urban forestry management plan. These grants require matching funds, which can be monetary and/or in-kind services/labor.

Beth Berg shared the Greenscape Commission's Facebook policy. The City Attorney provided the social media policy being adopted by the Council and this was edited to replace references to the Police Department with information and language appropriate for the Commission.

Also, Tom Hannan informed her a large cottonwood tree was removed in Sarah T. Bolton Park. A huge limb fell and exposed the fact that the majority of the tree was hollow and generally unhealthy. One of the beech trees along the creek was lost in the process. A couple trees will be put back in the area and he will let us know when that is done.

Matt Nelis and Brenda Wilson both stated they are interested in attending a Tree Steward seminar or other training sessions to learn more about tree care and maintenance. Sheila reminded everyone the commission is on the Urban Forestry email list and should keep an eye out for information on future training opportunities.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg
Secretary, Beech Grove Greenscape Commission