

Greenscape Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 15, 2014
Hornet Park Community Center

Tim Latimer called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Members present: Beth Berg, Sister Sheila Fitzpatrick, Tim Latimer, Dave Miller and Brenda Wilson.

Brenda Wilson had several questions about trees in poor condition she has observed and who should be notified about them.

Tim reviewed the application requirements for a Tree City USA Growth Award. Dave Miller shared information on a proposal for remediation of tree - sidewalk and curb conflicts. It would include guidelines for inspecting the tree involved to help determine if and how the tree might be saved in repairing the sidewalk and/or curb damage. He will be working with Brad Meriwether on a final proposal that would work for the city. Beth Berg shared a preliminary analysis of the updated tree inventory. The final analysis will look at species diversity, age distribution and the number of remaining trees identified as hazards. These two projects will provide enough points to apply for a growth award. The only other qualification is that the city spend more money on tree care this year than was spent last year. That information will not be available until November or December.

Main Street trees with specific locations will be noted in the inventory database after replacement trees are planted in October. All information for trees removed since the original inventory will be permanently deleted. Park trees will be re-inventoried with GPS locations, most likely next spring.

This year's Arbor Day celebration will be Saturday, October 18th, 10:30am at the site of the Peace and Nature Garden being installed on the grounds of the Benedictine Center, 13th and Southern. The community has been invited to come and help plant flowers from 9:00am to 12 noon. (Tools, water and direction will be provided.) Sister Sheila will contact Mayor Buckley regarding the Arbor Day Proclamation from the city.

Miller stated that suspected findings of Emerald Ash Borer infestation no longer need to be reported to the IDNR. The infected area now includes all of Marion County.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg
Secretary, Beech Grove Greenscape Commission