

Beech Grove Greenscape Commission Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 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.

Sr. Sheila reviewed the tree inventory estimates from Aren Flint (Davey Resources) and Pam Louks. She will contact Brad and Tom to determine if they are interested in purchasing software to maintain the completed inventory and if they are interested in mapping city trees. Final decision on whether to proceed with submitting a grant proposal this year will be made by the city. A third estimate will be needed to move forward. The application deadline is October 30, 2017. Also, a commission member will need to attend an Indiana Forest Symposium on September 26th. Brenda is willing to go to the event if her schedule permits.

Carrie Tauscher, IDNR Community & Urban Forestry Coordinator, has suggested the Commission contact Indianapolis City Arborist Paul Pinco as a resource for information and assistance.

Sr. Sheila will submit member's survey questionnaires at the next meeting of the Mayor's Community Based Initiative Committee meeting, which will be held on September 26th. Members also discussed that planting more trees would benefit Beech Grove in each of four categories: 1) Public Safety, 2) Infrastructure, 3) Quality of Life and 4) Economic Development. Beth will attend the CBI Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 17th.

Sr. Sheila and Beth will attend the Mayor's Fundraising Dinner for the Parks. Suggested items for the Commission's information table included the Greenscape Commission's brochure, street tree planting information, various pamphlets on tree care from the Arbor Day Foundation, Tree City USA information, and books on trees.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Next meeting: Monday, October 16, 2017, 5:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg, Secretary