

Greenscape Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 19, 2015
Hornet Park Community Center

Members present: Beth Berg, Sister Sheila Fitzpatrick, Dave Miller Absent: Brenda Wilson, Stuart Wilson.

Meeting was called to order at 5:02pm.

Beth Berg presented a Thank You letter to the Beech Grove Eagles for their participation and assistance with Arbor Day for review and approval.

Dave Miller will check on whether the the City has a written storm response plan to include with the Tree City recertification application. Beth stated we will no have enough points to apply for a Growth Award this year.

Members discussed shade tree suggestions for the Middle School. Sugar Maples are not recommended at this time due to a widespread tree failure attributed to environmental issues. Honey Locust would provide filtered shade. Oaks are a good choice, but slow growing trees.

Sister Sheila Fitzpatrick will be contacting Carrie Tauscher, Acting State Community Forest Coordinator, to attend a future meeting of the Commission.

Beth suggested the Commission work with the Parks Department to incorporate our 2016 Arbor Day event with their tree giveaway event next spring, and consider doing a tree planting demonstration. She will check on the date of the event.

Dave shared that he will not be seeking reappointment to the Commission when his term expires on December 31. He will notify Mayor Buckley so there will be ample time to name a replacement. Dave has been with the Commission from the start and was instrumental in its establishment. His wisdom and expertise will be sorely missed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

The next meeting of the Commission is Monday, Nov. 16 , 2015, 5:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg, Chair, Beech Grove Greenscape Commission