

Greenscape Commission Meeting
April 18, 2011, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

Members present: Dave Miller, Tim Latimer, Lynn Huff, Beth Berg.

Tim Latimer reviewed plans for Clean-Up Day in the Parks on Saturday, April 23rd. Participants are asked to meet at 9:00am at the Shelter in South Grove Park for assignments. Notices have been submitted to the local newspapers, as well as BGTV and the City's Facebook page. Mike Pence has arranged for work gloves to be donated by Indianapolis Power & Light. Lynn Huff will bring her camera to take photographs. Beth Berg will bring trash bags.

Berg presented the Tree City USA Growth Award plaque the city received from the Arbor Day Foundation, as well as the Tree City Flag the city receives each year with recertification as a Tree City. The Growth Award recognizes environmental improvement and encourages higher levels of tree care throughout America. Beech Grove's award was based on completion of a Tree Inventory and establishing the Wildlife Habitat (Natural Area) in Sarah Bolton Park. Latimer will present the Tree City USA Growth Award Plaque at the next meeting of the City Council. The Commission discussed displaying the plaque at the Hornet Park Community Center. There also discussion on displaying the Tree City USA plaque at the Community Center. The plaque was hanging at the former office of the Mayor. Berg will check at City Hall to see where the plaque is at the present time.

Dave Miller shared that Trent Newport with Crossroad Engineers received the Commission's recommendations on landscaping plans for the round-a-about. Newport is saving them for the bid process on the project, and the Commission will be invited to participate.

Miller submitted the grant request for Johnson Controls' Blue Sky Involve program. The Beech Grove Promoter's Club will be receiving any grant monies awarded, to be used for tree plantings in our City Parks. The Commission appreciates the cooperation of the Promoter's Club in making this grant request possible. With no matching funds required, and the volunteer labor offered through Blue Sky Involve, this is a great opportunity for the City. Plans for this year's Arbor Day Celebration will be made after the Commission receives confirmation of the grant's acceptance.

Berg shared information on the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Community Tree Steward Program, which is being offered over two Saturdays in July. It would be a great learning experience for anyone who is able to attend.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, May 16, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Berg, Greenscape Commission Secretary