

Greenscape Commission Meeting
June 22, 2010, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

Members present: Brian Clayton, Dave Miller, Lynn Huff, Beth Berg, and Tim Latimer

Dave Miller completed and returned a statewide survey on Urban Forestry.

Beth Berg spoke with Mrs. Reid, principal of South Grove Intermediate School, regarding our plan to nominate LouAnn Pieper for an Individual Award from the Indiana Urban Forestry Council. Mrs. Reid will be sending some background information for inclusion in our nomination letter.

Miller reminded the commission about scheduling a meeting with Pam Louks so she can review with us the SUSI data for Beech Grove.

Discussion of a Mission Statement was tabled until the next meeting.

Berg reviewed progress on the tree inventory. Aren Dottenwhy has completed her assessment of trees noted as being in poor or dead/dying in our inventory. All such trees were not included on the list submitted to Dottenwhy, but hopefully all the “worst” ones were. A final report should be received in the next few days. Dottenwhy and another Davey consultant are also preparing a bid for maintenance of trees and plantings on Emerson Avenue. All park trees have now been inventoried. Tim Latimer will inventory trees on the grounds of the police and fire stations. Berg will inventory trees in the medians and at the entrances of Park Meadow and Timber Grove. These trees are maintained by the neighborhoods, but there are conceivably circumstances under which they would be replaced by the city if damaged. Trees at I-465 and Emerson Avenue are state property and will not be included. Lynn Huff will take a look at the i-Tree software to see what information it could give us for our final report, and what format is required for our inventory database to be compatible with the software. Commission members were also reminded to complete and return In-Kind/Donated Labor Forms for any work done through June 30th.

Miller will take a look at a tree on private property at 9th and Byland that a school bus driver reports as having branches hanging low over the street.

Latimer would like to present the City Council with our Mission Statement and Greenscape logo at their next meeting. Previous suggestions for the Mission Statement need to be reviewed.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, June 16, 6:00pm at the offices of the Indiana Urban Forestry Council in Fort Harrison State Park.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Berg, Greenscape Commission Secretary