

Greenscape Commission Meeting  
March 15, 2010, 6:00pm  
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

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

Brian Clayton reviewed plans for the Arbor Day Tree Planting, to be held Saturday, May 1 at Sarah Bolton Park with the Boy Scouts of Beech Grove as they celebrate 100 Years of Scouting. The tree planting will be 2:00pm. Tom Hannan is deciding where to plant the two trees. Hannan will purchase one for the city. Lynn Huff is arranging for one to be donated by Damman's. Hannan has requested these be large trees of native species. Clayton will invite Mayor Wright to attend and present a proclamation for the event. He also invited commission members to stay for the Scout's pitch-in dinner following the planting.

Clean-Up Day in the parks will be 9:00am on Saturday, April 10. Volunteers will meet at the Parks Department Maintenance building in Sarah Bolton Park. Hannan has put together a list of tasks for volunteer crews in Sarah Bolton and South Grove Parks. Members of the Commission, Parks Board, Beech Grove Girls Softball Association, and the Promoters Club have already offered to help. Tim Latimer will contact Tim Showalter at the high school to get announcements on Cable TV for this event as well as the Arbor Day tree planting. Latimer has reached out to the high school for National Honor Society student volunteers, but there doesn't seem to be much interest there. Mike Pence has secured donations of 50 pairs of gloves from IPL and 100 trash bags from the Lion's Club.

Berg has contacted Aren Dottenwye at Davey Resources and will set up a meeting to discuss contracting for their services with assessing high-risk trees found during the inventory of parks and right-of-way trees. Grant money will cover the cost of this service. Commission members will meet at Clayton's home, 805 Main Street, at 2:00pm on Saturday, March 20 to complete the inventory of Zone 4. They will also meet at 6:00pm in Sarah Bolton Park on Thursday, March 25 to continue the inventory there.

Members looked at mission statements from several Tree Boards and put together the following for consideration. Latimer will email this to everyone for his or her input and comment.

*It shall be the mission of the Beech Grove Greenscape Commission to recommend and advise the government and citizens of Beech Grove on issues related to trees and other flora found in parks and right of ways. The commission will also serve as a resource to educate the public in the care, selection, protection, and planting of trees.*

Latimer spoke briefly with Tom Gearhart, Beech Grove Middle School principal, about having students there participate in a contest to develop a logo for the commission. He also suggested each commission member chip in \$10 for a \$50 prize for the winner of the contest. We would request that all ideas be submitted by Friday, May 14 and then make the selection at our May 17 meeting. The student would be recognized at the BGMS Awards Day ceremony. Latimer will follow-up with Gearhart and the computer teacher. Suggested minimum requirements are for the design, to be in electronic format, are:

- Must include Beech Grove Greenscape Commission
- Must include a tree or portion of a tree in the logo
- Color is fine; the contrast must be such that the logo is clearly visible in black and white as well.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, April 19, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community

Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Berg, Greenscape Commission Secretary