

Greenscape Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center, Room D

Members present: Dave Miller, Tim Latimer, Brian Clayton and Mike Masterson. Guest: Mike Pence

We are still waiting for an official start date from the state for our Tree Inventory project.

Dave Miller reported he would be attending a workshop on the 18th. IndyParks and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are sponsoring the workshop.

Miller also he is hoping to use the Indiana DNR's GIS devices for data collection with our tree inventory. Using their PDAs will allow us to download the information and create a database.

There was a great deal of discussion about our commission sponsoring a community workshop in the near future. Topics could be pruning and tree maintenance, planting and removing trees, or identifying trees. Such workshops would be very beneficial for a variety of reasons.

As of yet we have no definitive plans for how or when to celebrate Arbor Day. Everyone needs to be thinking about this.

Miller brought up planting trees on the south end of the baseball diamonds at Hartman Field for a future project. The idea originated with Jim McKenzie in 1999 to provide shade, along with possibly a shelter, to accommodate families. It's idea that has been bouncing around since that time, with no action taken.

Miller will also be reminding the DPW of the need to remove Christmas lights from the trees on 9th Avenue. Failure to remove the lights prior to "budding" will result in damage to the trees.

Recent storms caused damage to a tree in the right-of-way of the 100 block of 8th Avenue. Preliminary clean-up was done and the tree will eventually be removed. Trees on private property in the 200 block of 17th Avenue and 400 block of 10th Avenue were also damaged and are now lying in the right-of way. DPW needs to be made aware of the issue.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg (with thanks to Time Latimer)
Greenscape Commission Secretary