

Greenscape Commission Meeting
Monday, November 17, 6:00pm
Hornet Park Community Center, Room A

Members present: Dave Miller, Tim Latimer, Mike Masterson, and Beth Berg. Absent: Brian Clayton.

Guests: Bud Templin and Joe Griffin.

The commission was successful with its grant application and was awarded the full amount requested, \$2200. Beth Berg reported the commission is awaiting receipt of information on the mandatory workshop and grant agreement documents. Dave Miller stated he would check into Tree Identification workshops. If any are offered during the next few months, they would be beneficial for members to attend.

Miller reviewed the information needed to complete our Tree City Recertification application.

- Tree Board (Greenscape Commission) members and meeting dates.
- Amendment to the Tree Ordinance.
- Total community forest expenditures, both cash and in-kind contributions.
- A work plan for the year, based on landscape plantings and maintenance performed by the city's parks and public works departments.
- Arbor Day proclamation and photos or news coverage of the event.

Miller will contact Mayor Wright about issuing a press release regarding our grant award and the Outstanding Community of the Year Award from the Indiana Department of Urban Forestry. Information on each will then be posted on our webpages.

There was a consensus that photos on the Greenscape Commission webpages be changed seasonally. Guest Joe Griffin suggested soliciting photographs from the public, which everyone thought a great idea.

Tim Latimer will contact the editor of The Spotlight newspaper to see if there is interest in attending one of our meetings or publishing an article about the work of the commission.

Latimer also asked if Mr. Clyde Bobb had had his street tree replaced yet and if that can still be done this year. Miller said it will have to wait for the spring now and the replacement tree will have to be the same species as was originally planted as part of an Indiana Department of Transportation project.

Berg brought up the visibility issue for southbound drivers on Emerson Avenue turning left on to Garstang, with trees blocking their line of sight. Mike Masterson asked if trees there could be moved to replace the dead ones in the Emerson Avenue median. Miller said it would have to be done within the next year and he will look into getting an estimate from Complete Tree Service for the work.

Latimer will give the commission report for the City Council at their December 1st meeting.

The next meeting of the commission will be Monday, December 15, 6:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg
Greenscape Commission Secretary