

Shade Tree Commission

Minutes: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

A. Roll Call:

- a. **Present:** Members: Greg Ament, Brian Tarbert, Jim Jenkins, Brian Joos, Pam Dobos, Elizabeth Webb, Michele DeCarlo(ALT) Municipality: Tim Roney Council Liaisons: Tim Moury, Joe Janosik
- b. **Absent:** Dave Espinar (Council)

B. Approval of Minutes: March 16, 2022 - Change made to minutes to correct spelling of names. Motion: Ament; Second: Joos. Passed

C. Old Business

- a. Arbor Day – Tree Planting –Friday, April 29, 2022 @ 10 am – 11 am
 - i. Officially recognized by Mayor Allen at Council meeting on April 11th
 - ii. 12 trees to be delivered on Monday, April 25
 - iii. Municipality Public Works will plant trees; utilities have been marked
 - iv. Volunteers will mulch those trees and the saplings planted last year, plant flowers at the entrance to the park, pick up litter, and possibly walk the new trail
 - v. Kindergarten class from Abraham Lincoln will join volunteers. In 12/13 years they will be invited back to see the growth of the trees.
 - vi. Recreation Board has been invited
 - vii. Banner – Arbor Day 2022 – recognizing the Rotary for donating the money for the trees. (Hopefully this will become an annual event.)
 - viii. Shade Tree Commission members should meet in the Baptist Road parking lot at 9:30 am that day
 - ix. Volunteer sheets will be available for sign in; small tools and buckets should be brought for small hands.
- b. Tree City Application – Mayor Allen has signed it and made the proclamation for Arbor Day 2022
 - i. Continue the application process throughout this year – check at August meeting to monitor progress
 - ii. Municipality will log hours that employees spend on “tree” work, including the Arbor Day planting. This is important for the Tree City application.

D. New Business

- a. Beagle Drive property
 - i. Area off Beagle Dr behind trolley line donated to the municipality
 - ii. Plans include a water retention pond, walking trail, some walking bridges over the creek, and green space
 - iii. Possibly a few parking spaces off Beagle Dr.
- b. New possible projects in the works
 - i. Street Scape between Connor Road and Sheetz along 88
 - ii. Drake Loop – commitment to turn it into a walking trail; 2/3 Bethel, 1/3 USC
 - iii. Peter Page Park – 3-5 million capacity in pond
 - iv. 20 acres at Simmons for trails

- v. Educational Program ideas: ex. Tree Tenders through Tree Pittsburgh (2 years ago this was held at the Fire Department)
 - c. Davey Resources Group(DRG) who did our tree inventory
 - i. Municipality will send them a letter indicating who should have login access to update information about tree removal and planting
 - ii. Suggested: 2 municipal employees and President (Tarbert) and VP (Ament) of Shade Commission
- E. Future meeting dates:
 - a. August 17, 2022
 - b. November 16, 2022
- F. Adjournment: Motion by Ament; seconded by Joos. Passed