

VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE

PARK BOARD MEETING

APRIL 9, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Sandra Barstow, Dave Barstow, Mark Lipan, Debbie Steel, Hank Gulich, Beth Schluep, Jim Newhouse, Dann Nivens

Hank called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: Approved

Financial: Approved

REPORTS:

Chairman: Sandy questioned whether we needed to have an acting chair in case of Hank's absence. Dave Barstow volunteered. The vote was unanimous. Hank reported that we received a letter stating that our Tree City application had been approved. He questioned whether anyone wanted to attend the ceremony in Brecksville on Wed., May 8th. Hank commented on the pergola in the arboretum and said that it was looking good.

Recreation: Jim reported that everyone is happy. The field is reserved Monday thru Friday. He said that the French drain seems to be working but the field needs more dirt.

Arbor Day: Debbie reported that everything is in place for the Arbor Day ceremony. It will be April 26th at 1:00 p.m. at the school. (*Arbor Day was later changed to Friday, May 3rd at 1:00 p.m.*)

Arboretum: Hank reported that the pergola is in progress. He said that there are no new trees in the arboretum.

Islands: Flowers are coming in May. Shelly said that we need to plant pollinators. She said that there are many pollinators that we could plant to attract monarch butterflies. Beth suggested the island on Vincent, Hastings and Lee.

Trees: Beth reported that she talked to Paul about the air knifing. Trees to be done are 10 inches or smaller. Dave said that he ran into Paul and Paul wants us to take a tour of the Village with him. He said that the plan is to do trees that are not doing well. Council has approved the money. Paul told Dave that 10 years ago, they had an 80% success rate. The plan is to do trees along the Boulevard and would follow up the air knifing with mulching. Paul would like to do a 3 hour walk about with residents. Beth feels that is too long. Dann suggested a display at the festival or have boy scouts pass out flyers for a service project about the proper care of trees. Beth made a motion to approve the air knifing. The motion was tabled because the group felt that we needed more information. Beth read the tree commission ordinance about our responsibility. Mark, Hank and Ben made a decision about the gingko trees on Ivanhoe.

Garden Club: Sandy reported that the Garden Club meeting is Monday. The program will be a Celebration of Trees presented by Dr. Laverne from Davey Tree. She said that there would be dessert.

Special Projects: Dave asked us all to go look at the pergola. He said that Mark and Ben have done a wonderful job. Dave said that they ran out of sidewalk for the base, but Mark was able to get more. Cynda is going to work on the plantings. Dave said that work needs to be done on the walkway. Dave said that he hopes to have an open house in mid-June.

Council: Dann reported that there is no money.

Service Department: Mark reported that Paul Testa donated the sidewalk that was needed to complete the pergola. Mark said that \$800.00 of Garden Club money has been spent. Mark reported that work will be done to remove the railroad tracks on Graham Rd. on April 16th, 17th, and 18th. He said that grinding on Graham Rd. will begin April 22nd. Completion for the project is proposed for June 1st. Mark reported that the nets are up on the tennis courts and he has received complaints about mold on the courts. Mark said that the leaf program will end May 1st.

New/Old: None

Adjourned: 8:19 p.m. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, May 14, 2019