

**Shade Tree Commission
Minutes**

Thursday, June 4, 2020, 1 pm
Picnic Pavilion/Village Hall

Next Meetings: Thursday, August 13, 1 p.m.
 Thursday, October 1, 1 p.m.
 Thursday, December 3, 1 p.m.

Attendees: Ben, Sheri, Marcia, Jim (from Park Board), Beth, Paul

February minutes approved as written.

Old Business:

1. Memorial & Arbor Day Trees Records

- a. Memorial & Arbor Day record book – Marcia
 In progress.
- b. Tree Tracker field for memorials - Ben
 Added under Land Use. Currently only one is in Tree Tracker.
- c. Whoever does fall inventory will update Tree Tracker with memorial trees.
- d. Random islands and school area have memorial trees.

2. Service Department - Ben

- a. Air knifing list of trees - Ben will email list of what trees were done.
 Air knifing this time was not as extensive --- mainly around root crown. Entire area was not done. In previous air knifing, the entire area was done.
- b. Future upkeep - mulching concerns
 What can we do about over mulching? A mailed letter to resident – tree on your devil strip needs less mulch/corrected mulch. Include pamphlet “Proper Techniques for Mulching a Tree”. And have another front page article in Resident Newsletter. Beth to discuss with Bernie. Marcia and Beth to draft a letter.
 Consider a permit for professional landscapers.
- c. New tree planting update – Ben will email list of newly planted trees.
- d. When a tree is planted, notify the resident of the tree species.

3. Education

- a. New resident package – Beth to ask Kim if New Resident Tree Information included.
- b. Resident Review article needs corrected before published again.
- c. Aerial photo – not a priority.
- d. Walkabouts in 2020 – Cancelled for this year unless a decision/policy maker would like to do. Goal to hopefully have Council attend one. Jeff Heintz also.

- e. News Releases
 - Falls News/Stow Sentry – Beth and Marcia
 - f. Web page update - storm water benefit – Beth had link added.
- 4. 2019 Tree Inventory/Note Memorial Trees in Tree Tracker/Reports - Ben & Sheri
- 5. Planning & Zoning Commission Ordinance Report - Marcia
 - a. Riparian Ordinance – tabled until people can attend meetings.
 - b. Marcia talked to Jerry Jones about tree replacement. When tree taken out, recommend what should be placed in its spot. Chapter 1169 – Marcia to get latest version. Then provide our recommendation to him to present to Council.
- 6. Tree Canopy project - Paul
 - a. SLV is a hill of hills – which results in storm water runoff into our lakes.
 - b. Highest point – Englewood. Lowest point – southwest area.
 - c. Canopy cover helps slow down runoff. Our canopy cover will tell us the potential of slowing down melting snow and rain.
 - d. A 1” rainfall – a tree can only suck up 1/10 of 1”. However, the tree can slow the water down.
 - e. More review needs to be done before report can be final.
 - f. SLV street trees provide 11 acres of shade overall.
 - g. Tree Survey results – not enough returns from residents for permission to get on their property. Sent out 50 letters. Need to re-contact those who didn’t respond. Likely need an hour per property.
 - h. Beth and Sheri volunteered to help.
- 7. Chemical applied on public areas - Ben
 - a. Islands, gazebo, boulevard park are treated – just small areas. Not large areas.
- 8. Silver Lake Village Estates planting trees along Rt.59.
 - a. Dead ash trees removed.
 - b. Ben offered seedlings to Fred Johnson as replacements in that area.
 - c. Beth advise Fred to contact Ben for seedlings and to keep the Tree Commission advised of any tree items.
- 9. Village tree ordinance - Polly
 - a. We need the right wording in the Riparian Ordinance.

New Business

- 1. Urban Forestry Conference attended by Beth, Ben and Marcia in March.
 - a. Ben keeping an eye out for oak wilt.
 - b. Topics: rain gardens, oak wilt, Missouri gravel beds, results of urban canopy assessment.
- 2. Massive Red Oak on Crystal Lake Drive property. Ben to measure. Consider it for “historic tree.”

