

JANUARY MINUTES FOR PARK HILLS TREE BOARD JANUARY 6, 2018

Meeting held at Reality Tuesday at 8:30

Present: Will Korte, Kathleen Laurin, Pat Flannery, Mike Conway, Sue Bennings

The minutes for the December 2, 2017 meeting were approved.

Minutes taken and presented by Sue Bennings

Treasury: \$6000

\$1765.93 in reserve

Pat Flannery summarized the tree plantings for 2017. There were 48 or 49 trees planted. The Tree Program included 18 or 19 trees. Thirty trees for Altavia and SD1 reclaimed area. It was discussed that a date of Sept 1 be used as deadline for application to the Tree Program.

Mike Conway will make a new application for the new Tree City Award. Mike suggested there should be an article in the website and newsletter. It was mentioned that Julie Ochs might do this.

The new ordinance prepared by Todd McMurtry was discussed. There were questions about funding to the Tree Board from the city to do a tree inventory. The Tree Board would like to contract with an arborist to do the evaluations. The Tree Board would like a city official or a letter from the city to inform the home owner whose tree needs pruning or removal.

Section 1, Article K was discussed. This article appears to state that a home owner does not have an option to remove a tree or have a new one planted. The Tree Board discussed the home owner may have the option of declining.

Some other questions were the number of members and the years of service. The new ordinance suggests 5 for 2 years. The board is presently 7 members with no real end of term. The Tree Board would like to serve as a board of advisors to present information to the City for their action.

Pat suggests that a barrier of arborvitae be planted for the blue house on Audubon. A majority approved the suggestion.

Mike suggested meeting on Jan 18 at 6:00PM at house for the next meeting to discuss new additions to the new Ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM