

PARK HILLS TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 3, 2012

Present: Mike Conway, Pat Flannery, Kathy Lauren, Will Korte, and Sue Bennings.

Mike Conway presided at the meeting

Notes taken and presented by Sue Bennings

Treasury: \$3,000

Council Member Skip Fangman came to the meeting to explain the grant that the city will be applying for. It is a \$300,000 allotment to improve sidewalk, green space and infrastructure. The plan will include trees and green planting in front of the business district.

He also gave some suggestions on structure for the Tree Board going forward.

Mr. Patrick Flannery attended the Forestry Dinner Meeting at Twin Oaks. He reported that the City of Louisville was presented as an example of cities to follow as a model for tree development plans and development. It was suggested that we may take a trip to Louisville to get some suggestions on procedure.

1. Tree City USA Application 2013-Mike Conway reported that we must apply every year for status. He reported the number of trees planted through the program. There are: twelve on Terrace, seven on Amsterdam, four in Trolley Park, in addition to four Memorial trees.
2. Street-A-Year 2013 and 2014-Mike asked Pat Flannery to get recommendations for future street planting schedules. There may be a possibility that residents could suggest streets for planting. Methods of getting the information to residents might include: articles in the Recorder, the city website, and The HUB. Residents are asked to come to a Tree Board meeting to find out more about the program.
3. Plant A Tree Program (Ft. Thomas, KY)-Mike Conway announced a program used in Ft. Thomas. As the city of Ft. Thomas reached a level where street plans were becoming difficult, a program was initiated to reimburse the homeowner up to 50% for trees planted on their property. This program may be considered for the city of Park Hills, as well.
4. Amsterdam Road Street-A-Year-Signed Agreements-Mike Conway will get the signed agreements for the trees on the street.
5. Communication Plan for the Tree Board-Sue Bennings will coordinate a plan for the communication of plans and issues for the Tree Board.

6. Grants and Funding Plan-Will Korte reported that there is grant money available from the KY League of Cities. Initial information must be presented by Dec. 3 with application made before March 13. The grant is presented from the National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program. Those applying must demonstrate a support for urban and community forestry projects showing connection between personal benefits of urban forests and the quality of life.

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Mike Conway reported on the great success of the tree sale. Mr. Todd Baeten was very happy with the results of the sale and the city will show the results of new trees in the city, especially in Trolley Park.