Tree Board Minutes for January, 2020

The January meeting was called to order-Mike Conway Meeting was held at Mike's residence on January 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Mike Conway, Pat Flannery, Kathleen Laurin, Julie Ochs, Sally Soderlund attended

No Minutes from December, 2019 -Sally Soderlund

Treasury - Kathleen Laurin reported

General Fund Balance after a \$334.81 Contractor payment	\$5,665.19
Reserve Fund Balance	\$5,002.22

Programs - Pat Flannery reported

Plant-A-Tree Program

33 trees were purchased (mulch, soil, trunk protection)	\$4,617.45
Installation	\$3,232.22
Total	\$7,849.67

Pat would like to offer a wider variety of trees with a variety of prices.

Spring Seedling Program

Will Korte has ordered the seedlings. We have signs and pails.

RoadProjects

<u>Jackson Road.</u> Joe Daugherty reported. City will reimburse home owners who lost trees due to sanitation/street work. Board will suggest trees considering canopy, curb appeal, tree health and long term viability for street and tree.

Special Projects

<u>Amsterdam Valley.</u> The Tree Board would love to see an aesthetically pleasing, tree filled valley. Joe Daugherty will ask developer to meet with Tree Board, original Landscape Architect, Mayor and Councilwoman/Naturalist to proffer collaboration.

<u>Audubon Woods Forest and Trails.</u> Board discussed possible involvement for enhancement.

Community Communications -Julie Ochs reported

Timing is Everything.

Coordinating our programs' timing with the community newsletter and events would increase the visibility and success of the programs.

Julie would like the Spring Seedling Program to be available at the Easter event. Mike will check with Will to see when seedlings are to arrive.

Julie would like the Plant-A-Tree Program be in the city newsletter and perhaps ordered through the city's website.

City Council Update-Joe Daugherty reported

Joe Daugherty attended the Council's meeting and gave them the necessary information about Jackson Road's tree planting. Reimbursement from the city for the homeowners' trees was agreed on.

Grant Update

Former Board member Will Korte was acknowledged for his grant writing. Duke Energy, Kroger's were identified as possible grantors. A willing board member (or interested party) is needed for this effort.

Tree City USA Update-Mike Conway reported

Chances are good for 2020

We meet the requirements, we should be deemed a Tree City again this year.

Urban Canopy-Mike Conway reported

A contract for city arborist assistance is signed, the fee has been paid. The initial fee of \$2,100 will cover meetings with the tree board & interested city officials, reviewing data, developing & presenting a master plan for Park Hills' urban forest. For a fee of \$85/hour, arborists from Urban Canopy Works LLC are available for outreach, education, communication and advice.

Adjournment-Attendees agreed