

Tree Board Minutes for September, 2020

The September meeting was called to order-Mike Conway
Meeting was held at The Park Hills City Building at 8:30 a.m.

Mike Conway, Joe Daugherty, Pat Flannery, Kathleen Laurin, Julie
Ochs, Sarah Froelich, Sally Soderlund attended

August Minutes-Sally Soderlund

A report published in The Park Hills newsletter serves as the August minutes. Tree
Board members approved.

Treasury - Kathleen Laurin reported

General Fund Balance	\$6,000.00
Reserve Fund Balance	
\$2,999.94	

Programs - Pat Flannery, Joe Daugherty, Julie Ochs reported

Plant-A-Tree Program

Pat has identified **native** trees that Baeten's Nursery might have available for the pro-
gram. The dream of total online ordering can not be realized at this time. We will in-
crease the price to \$125.00 this year. Sarah will replace the old application with the new
online application. Signs will be put out to notify residents of the opportunity to Plant-A-
Tree.

Spring Seedling Program

Joe Daugherty asked for Tree Board member input to order the seedlings.
A consensus was reached. The trees will be ordered.

Road Projects and Special Projects

Jackson Road

Joe Daugherty reported some success. A few trees have been ordered for assessment and
approval by the residents. The project's plan for placement of the new trees between the
road and sidewalk had been questioned by the city engineer and mayor. Their concern
was the risk that the future mature trees might pose to the new infrastructure and side-
walks. An arborist from Urban Canopy illuminated and provided information disproving

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the misconception that tree roots break pipes. She also specified the recommended tree size for the area.

Amsterdam Valley

Nothing was reported at this meeting.

Audubon Woods Forest and Trails

Nothing was reported at this meeting.

Community Communications & Concerns-Julie Ochs

Julie brought up that she has been concerned about the removal of trees and further development in Audubon Woods. A variance has been granted to develop on the semi wooded lot, the final house on Wold Court. Julie has sent a letter to the city questioning the decision to grant a variance for this development.

Mike Conway will send a letter from the Tree Board to the Mayor asking for an explanation for the variance approval.

City Council Update-Sarah Froelich reported

An elderly tree's image was distributed. Sarah suggested that we might try to locate the oldest tree in Park Hills as a unifying community activity.

Grant Update-Joe Daugherty reported

Joe has been working on some grants that require matching funds from the city. The grant money could be used for invasive control, citizen education, tree removal, chipping and shredding.

With the imminent deadline for submission and the limited opportunity to present it to City council for approval, Sarah suggested that Joe forget this year and prepare to present the idea to City Council for next year.

Urban Canopy-

Their expertise for Jackson Road was noted. Further discussion was tabled.

Adjournment-Attendees agreed