

Thursday, March 4, 2021

## **Tree Board Minutes for March, 2021**

The January meeting was called to order-Mike Conway  
Meeting was held virtually, led by Mike.

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

January Minutes ~ Sally Soderlund

Tree Board members had been sent the minutes and approved.

Treasury ~ Kathleen Laurin reported

General Fund Balance (from the city of Park Hills budget)

Reserve Fund Balance (from Tree Board's Plant-A-Tree Program)

We have depleted our allocated funds.

Urban Canopy has been paid.

Tree Board Budget ~ Mike Conway presented

Mike will ask Park Hills City Council to raise the Tree Board Budget budget from \$6,000.00 to \$12,000.00.

\$6,000.00 will be used for Plant A Tree (\$5,500) and the Free Seedling Program (\$500).

\$6,000 will be targeted for our Strategic Plan (\$2,500), Arborist Allocation (\$500) and implementation of our Strategic Plan including the replacement of ten years of lost trees (\$3,000).

Mike will present his budget request at the caucus meeting on March 22.

Julie volunteered to join him.

April 12 is the date for the full City Council meeting.

Spring Seedling Program ~ Joe Daugherty

Joe is planning to have the program at Trolley Park again. The date will be March 27th from 10a.m. - 11a.m.

Park Hills Newsletter Article ~ Julie Alig

Mike congratulated Julie on a great newsletter on Tree maintenance. It was suggested that we continue with monthly newsletters. Cicada awareness was suggested for the next month. Julie agreed and volunteered. Removal of invasive plants was another suggestion for a future article.

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#### Strategic Plan ~ Mike Conway

Mike suggested that we go through the Strategic Plan together and possibly in person at a future meeting.

#### 2021 Tree City USA ~ Mike Conway

Park Hills has now been a Tree City for 11 consecutive years.

#### Grant Update ~ Joe Daugherty

Joe Daugherty met with Pam Spoor and toured the area that the current Duke Energy grant is improving. Joe invited Tree Board members to walk the area and discuss possible future improvements to the area. (It is the forested area behind Audubon Woods between Audubon Road and Sleepy Hollow Road.)

Joe is still in need of a grant writing partner volunteer to secure previously identified grants.

#### Anchorage, Kentucky ~ Mike Conway

Mike suggested that Tree Board members consider a field trip to a fellow Tree City; Anchorage, Kentucky. Anchorage is a suburb of Louisville. Residents of Anchorage have offered to share their thoughts on what being a fellow Tree City has meant to them and to show us the trees that have made them a Tree City.

Adjournment-Attendees agreed