

## **Tree Board Minutes for June 3, 2021**

The June meeting was called to order - Mike Conway

Mike Conway, Joe Daugherty, Jeff DiGiovanni, Pat Flannery, Kathleen Laurin, Natalie Schulte and Sally Soderlund, attended.

April (May) Minutes ~ Sally Soderlund

Sally read the minutes, Kathleen noted a correction to the Reserve Fund's amount. Sally took note of it. The minutes were approved.

Treasury ~ Kathleen Laurin reported

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

\$1524.47

Reserve Fund Balance

\$726.38

Mike will ask if we can move the General Fund surplus of \$1524.47 to our Reserve Fund to avoid losing it.

Spring Seedling Program Results ~ Joe Daugherty

Joe recognized Natalie Schulte (our new member) for aiding us in the distribution of the seedlings. Natalie identified a Park Hills vista located in Devou Park that would be enhanced if tree lined. She contacted and worked with proper officials to place and plant 36 seedlings in the area.

Joe suggested that we decide on and order next year's seedlings by August to guarantee and procure the best selection for 2022's program.

Plant-A-Tree Program Update ~ Pat Flannery

24 Trees were planted this year. One participant was dissatisfied with their dogwood, Baetens will replace the tree.

Pat already has an order for the coming year. The standard price will be \$125.00, with probable more expensive options.

Street-A-Year Program ~ Mike Conway, Natalie Schulte

Mike Conway recounted the history of the Tree Board.

A mission of the tree board from its beginning has been replacing trees lost as streets have been improved. The initial Street Tree effort accompa-

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nied the city's street improvement actions. Plant-A-Tree and the Spring Seedling Program followed.

In talks with city council members regarding an increase in our budget and aligned with our goals Mike would like to extend the Street Tree program as a separate entity from road improvement. Mike would like to have a street identified each year to line and/or enhance with trees. He asked for a volunteer to head up the program. Natalie Schulte volunteered to head up the Street-A-Year program.

Two inventories have highlighted our tree abundance and loss. One inventory was taken by the University of Kentucky, a more recent inventory was taken by Urban Canopy.

All members were asked to explore the city's streets and study the inventories to prepare recommendations for our next meeting.

Communications Update and Tree Tips ~ Julie Ochs, Natalie Schulte  
Julie was unavailable for the meeting.

Natalie volunteered to establish accounts and make media posts for the Park Hills Tree Board.

Grant Update ~ Joe Daugherty, Jeff DiGiovanni

Joe reported on his frustrating experience to secure a potential matching fund grant. He developed a plan to spread the grant money over three years time because our Tree Board budget amount wouldn't allow for a one time match. Joe was unable to present this idea to Park Hills City Council because of deadline constraints.

Jeff DiGiovanni (our new member) volunteered to help Joe with grant procurement.

Adjournment-Attendees agreed