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Tree Board Minutes for September 2, 2021

The September meeting was called to order - Mike Conway

Mike Conway, Joe Daugherty, Jeff DiGiovanni, Sarah Froelich, Kathleen Laurin, Natalie Schulte, Sally Soderlund

Minutes ~ Sally Soderlund

The minutes were approved after having been read by the members.

Treasury ~ Kathleen Laurin reported

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

\$8,000.00

Reserve Fund Balance

\$951.55

\$260.00 will be deducted from the General Fund to reimburse the Avant Gardeners for buying the seedlings for the Spring Seedlings program.

Spring Seedling Program Results ~ Joe Daugherty

Joe has ordered:

Shortleaf Pine

Willow Oak

Flowering Dogwood

Kentucky Coffeetree

Plant-A-Tree Program Update ~ Pat Flannery

Pat contacted nurseries other than Baetens (the nursery he has been using) to compare prices & possibly save money on the Plant-A-Tree program. He will use Baetens again.

Pat is aiming to run an efficient program, enforcing ordering deadlines & coordinating tree planting.

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Plant-A-Tree Program Application~ Pat and Sarah

Residents will be able to order a tree using the city's website.

Street-A-Year Program / Additional Options ~ Natalie, Mike

Our mission for 2022 will not be to identify one or more streets for tree planting. Instead we will concentrate on "Plant One Tree", which is a challenge for ALL Park Hills households to plant one tree, working toward our goal of 1,000 trees planted in 3 years.

Park Hills Tree Ordinance No. 2, 2019 ~ Mike Conway

This ordinance should be acknowledged and updated. It should be publicized for conformance. Our Urban Canopy resource might aid us in updating it.

Social Media ~ Natalie

The tree board now has a presence on Facebook and Instagram. We are linked to The Arbor Day Foundation, Baetens, Boone County Arboretum. Our "tips" on the Park Hills website was discussed, the moniker "Here's A Tip" was preferred over "Tip of the Month", it is less restricting.

Grant Update ~ Jeff DiGiovanni

Jeff reported on his extensive research into grants:

Arbor Day Grants, TD Greenspace, Duke, Home Depot, Plant for the Planet, Lowe's and Walmart are possibilities.

The U.S.D.A. grant applications are onerous, they are not for us at this time.

Many grants will provide materials but not labour. It was suggested that local High School students service hours might be coordinated for this effort.

Park Hills Website Update ~ Sarah

(Please see Plant-A-Tree and Social Media above.)

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Discussion regarding Park Point Hillside ~ All

Members reflected on their observations of the Park Point Hillside. Conversation about the condition of the hillside, previous expectations and suggestions for its future took place.

New Business ~ Joe Daugherty & All

Joe suggested forming a Trim-A-Tree program. The program would identify streets whose trees are in need of trimming, trees that are a challenge for pedestrians. Park Hills Tree Board Members and resident volunteers would be educated by professional arborists and work with them to trim/prune troublesome trees. Joe suggested that the Tree Board and the Avant Gardeners (the garden club of Park Hills) might work together on this new venture.

Adjournment-Attendees agreed