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Tree Board Minutes for March, 2023

The March meeting was called to order ~ Mike Conway

November Minutes ~ Sally Soderlund

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasury ~ Kathleen Laurin

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

\$7549.02

Reserve Fund Balance

\$1785.43

Spring Seedling Giveaway ~

Plant Just One Tree & Free Tree Giveaway ~

“If we continue to give away totally free trees it might discourage homeowners from taking part in our discounted program”, was a comment made. Another member countered saying, “People are still interested in both and a number of additional discounted trees were bought by participants in the 100% free tree program”.

Watering Rings or Bags should be promoted and possibly be available at our tree sales and giveaways.

Freshly planted trees failure to thrive was discussed after a tree from our program didn't make it. It was replaced by the nursery. Is it the nursery and/or our responsibility to do this in the future?

New Program Discussion ~ Jeff DiGiovanni

The program will be moved forward. Streets may need to be reassigned as the program is implemented and as our tree board members change.

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Door Fliers for the targeted homes were discussed as was the propriety and/or right to place a stake on another's property without consent from a homeowner.

What trees we will offer and what nursery or nurseries we will use was discussed.

Jeff would like to have each of the streets that are tree deficient receive a minimum of 5 trees.

The budget will be examined to support the implementation of this program (in addition to our new tree giveaway program).

We are hopeful for an increase in our budget.

Tree Board Members

Adding new members to the board was discussed. 6 names were proffered. Mike will ask those mentioned if they would like to join.

The Seedling Program

We will suspend the seedling program for this year. Joe Daugherty is now a member of council so he will not be able to coordinate the seedling giveaway. We also would have needed to order the seedlings before this time.

Community Helpers & New Ideas

We may be able to secure grants for seedlings?

We could have Chipper Days for those who need it?

Youth programs and required service hours could be accessed to help needy residents with trimming and cutting trees.

We should partner with other communities' Tree Boards to further our goals.

The Banklick Watershed Council might help us with our water runoff questions and challenges.

Adjournment ~ All Agreed

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