

### Tree Board Meeting Minutes 10/5/2020

Present: Sandy Lynch, Kelsey Sears, Vince Baker, Jennifer Roberts, TJ Houghtalen, Nick Snyder, and Matt Light

Called to order at 4:45pm

No changes to the previous minutes.

Sandy directed Matt to start the meeting. Matt passed out a draft of the Street Tree Replacement Pilot Program. This is the draft that would go to the board of works once it's finalized. He asked the board if there were further questions or suggestions about the draft. Next goal is to reach out to the HOA's of potential test subject neighborhoods

Jennifer asked about the City Tree Plan mentioned in the ordinance draft that we received last year. Wanted to understand where gaps are holistically (looking at the city), so that then we could come up with a plan for where to plant trees.

Jennifer also brought up the concern of downtown. She is concerned that we won't be seeing city trees in the downtown area because if we lose city trees and have to remove them, there may be utility lines or not enough space in yards to replace. She proposed maybe we consider some other solution for downtown trees to resolve potential issues with sidewalks. Jennifer thinks that there's a material solution (potentially structural soil)/an engineering solution. She validated that we must consider safety, but she feels that there must be other considerations. Jennifer was asking are there places that we could use more trees, so we would look in those areas to see if in those spaces where we could plant more trees.

Sandy asked what (if any) enforcement will there be for homeowners taking care of the trees we give them to put in their front yard? Matt answered that there wouldn't be "enforcement," but rather education for good care of the tree.

Jennifer also brought up that in the ordinance it mentions "tree lined streets," so, she said that we will need to take that line out if we are not going to be having tree lined streets. Unless we are going to compromise and find solutions for trees in the easement, particularly in downtown. She wanted to discuss how this is a part of our values, and wanted to make sure we are not being short-sighted.

Sandy asked about how often we look at sidewalks and their need to be re-done. Matt said it's about every 15-20 years. Vince added that the street department is regularly also addressing sidewalk issues as needed.

Jennifer circled back to Matt's Pilot Program draft and said she thinks it makes sense to do this program. Vince discussed the ideas for the participating subdivisions: The Levees has a lot of pear trees and they've been subject to a lot of storm damage, Whitcomb Ridge has also had some issues.

Vince's 2020 Fall Tree Planting List being finalized – will be planted late November or Early December. Stump removals – all of section 1,2, and 3 done... slowed down for section 4.

Arbor Day event – Vince has talked with Kevin & Brandon about planting a tree for Rick (maybe a White Oak) in Seminary Park. October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date Vince is looking at, around 2:30pm. Just needs board’s approval to purchase the tree. Vince made a motion to approve the tree for Rick. Jennifer moved that we authorize the purchase of the tree for Rick Taylor, and TJ seconded.

Sandy Lynch proposed to add another meeting on November 16, 2020 to look more at the ordinance, must discuss with City Hall. Will need to contact Evelyn and it must be posted.

Matt gave open invitation for feedback on draft as we have time to look it over.

Ended 5:47pm by Sandy.

These minutes have been prepared by Kelsey Sears and they reflect the notes which were taken during the meeting by Kelsey Sears. Any omissions or errors will be corrected upon notification.

Approved by:

Sandy Lynch 11/16/20  
Sandy Lynch, President Date

Kelsey Sears 11/16/2020  
Kelsey Sears, Secretary Date

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Jack Martin, Treasurer Date

Nick Snyder 11/16/2020  
TJ Houghtalen, Member Date

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Nick Snyder, Member Date

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Jennifer Roberts, Member Date

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Vince Baker, Urban Forester Date