

Minutes of the Tree Advisory Board

Wednesday March 7, 2018

6:30 pm City Hall

Prepared by Bill Mehls

(Please contact him with corrections and/or additions.)

Members: (x indicates attended)

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| Stephanie Crimm | x | Bill Mehls | x | Dave Poteet | x |
| Judi Cermak | x | Roger Morse | - | Berna Ticonchuk | x |
| John Goodwin | x | Laura Ouimette | x | | |

Also in attendance: Ellen Polimeni, Mayor

Gregg Firster, DiMarco Group Vice President for

Housing Development and Property Management

183 Parrish Street Project Review:

Mr. Firster brought a revised landscaping plan for the project as well as some architect's renderings of the project as viewed from State Routes 5&20 and from West Lake Road, as well as a building elevation drawing.

The TAB reviewed the alterations made to the landscaping plan following our previous comments of February 11th and approved the revised plan.

Specific items of note in the revised plan include:

- All plants are either native plants or hybrid native plants that are nursery hybridized to resist specific pests or diseases.
- A line of shrubs has been added on the east side of the east parking lot to soften the look. It was pointed out that there are three types of the same shrub which can be susceptible to Viburnum leaf beetle. Suggested changing to a variety of shrubs.
- Trees have been added to the screen for the neighbors on West Lake Road.
- Landscape fabric has been eliminated except for where pea stone is being utilized.
- The fertilizer mixture has been designated as 5-10-5, though soil testing will be used to determine the best mixture for the site.
- All discrepancies between the drawing's Plant Schedule and the plant locations on the drawing have been reconciled to match.
- The grass areas will act to filter and buffer rain runoff.
- There will be no mulch volcanoes.
- The current trees at the project entrance on Parrish Street will be preserved.

The TAB thanks the DeMarco Group for their collaboration on this landscaping plan.

News and Notes:

Tree City USA: Ellen announced that she had just received a letter congratulating us on being named a 2017 Tree City, USA. Our 27th year of recognition. We have met the four criteria: 1. Having a tree board. 2. The city has a tree ordinance. 3. Spending at least \$2 per resident on the city trees. 4. Celebrating Arbor Day each year.

Tree Removal: Stephanie reported that a tree being removed on Fort Hill was left with the trunk standing because there is a honey bee nest in it. Dave will report that to the bee keepers of the area to solicit their help.

February Meeting: Due to the snowstorm there was no February TAB meeting.

Absent: Alura Rose was unable to attend the meeting after the fire that burned her house in Cheshire. Our thoughts are with her.

Statistics: Laura's report- 2018 Falling Tree deaths= 26; Struck by Lightning= 0; Falling out of bed= 107; Pedestrian= 900; Texting while driving= 1079; Lawnmowers= 12

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 4th, 2018 at 6:30 pm at City Hall