

## Minutes of the Tree Advisory Board

Wednesday August 1, 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    | x | Berna Ticonchuk | x |
| John Goodwin    | x | Laura Ouimette | x |                 |   |

Also in attendance: Ellen Polimeni, Mayor

Donald Naetzker II, RLA, from HB Cornerstone for Passero Associates

**Inn-on-the-Lake Project Review** - Don Naetzker joined us to review the landscaping plan and answer questions. He provided us with the Landscape Plan drawing as well as artist renderings of the finished project with elevations. These were helpful and appreciated. The onsite plan is to raze the current structures this fall and rebuild in an "old-time family homestead" motive with a proposed opening in 2020.

Here are highlights of the landscaping discussion with comments:

- most lakeside trees will remain - nice to have the mature trees onsite
- two willows will go in along the creekside in order to blend the site with the existing landscape along the creek on other properties.
- there is no mulch planned around the trees
- the Edible gardens may need people to take care of them and harvest them. Those may be coordinated with the New York Kitchen next door. (Scout or youth group project ?)
- we requested to see the planting notes, species schedule and other landscaping details
- we recommended:
  1. 2" caliper trees be planted instead of the called-for 4", to speed growth, especially the Eastern Red Bud, Hawthorns and Black Gum. The Maples and Linden can remain as 4"
  2. The Ginkgo trees should be male
  3. Investigate the Viburnum beetles which are around and may interfere with the Viburnum bushes planned.

The TAB approved the plan and Don said that he would send us the requested information. When that information is received Bill will send a letter to the planning commission notifying them of our approval of the landscaping plans.

**Buffalo Street Sidewalk:** This plan has been put aside for now due to the cost of adding necessary storm sewers to the project. A sidewalk may be put in on Parrish Street using FlexiPave as an experiment. More cost to it but less excavation.

**Volcano Mulching:** Has been observed around the city. Should the TAB create a letter that the City Manager's office would send out to offending homeowners as an informational notice ? Laura will work on a draft of that. Let her know if you would like to help.

**Tree City, USA:** Ellen will give the quarterly bulletin to John to scan and distribute to the TAB members. The current issue highlights how to fund urban forests. This is our 27th year as a Tree City, USA.

### News and Notes:

**Heritage Trees:** Dave will edit the online application form this week and send to Laura. He has two submissions to make via that format.

**EAB Brochure:** There is no current plan to distribute the brochure throughout the city.

**Statue Landscaping:** Judi has an appointment with Peter Jemison next week.

**Torsten's letter:** There is a plan to do some lifting this summer but currently the crews are trying to stay ahead on the streets that are being milled and filled.

**Book Donation:** Berna donated a book to the TAB library entitled "Urban Forests" by Jill Jones. Judi borrowed it for some summer reading.

**Statistics:** Laura's Stats- 2018 Falling Tree deaths= 87; Struck by Lightning= 0; Falling out of bed= 348; Pedestrian= 2914; Texting while driving= 3490; Lawnmowers= 40

**Our next meeting is scheduled for  
Wednesday September 5th, 2018 at 6:30 pm at City Hall**