

Minutes of the Tree Advisory Board

Wednesday October 3, 2018

6:30 pm

City Hall

Prepared by Bill Mehls

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

Members: (x indicates attended)

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

Also in attendance: Ellen Polimeni, Mayor
Pam Hart

Volcano Mulching: Laura prepared a half sheet notice to give to property owners who are observed to have volcano mulching. It is informative and positive not accusatory. It, along with a Volcano Mulching brochure, will provide the property owner with techniques to improve their tree's health. We will revisit this idea at our next meeting.

Landscapers: We discussed best practices for landscaping and wondered if there is an area organization of landscapers who we might connect with regarding mulching and fertilizer application guidelines. There is none that we know of.

News and Notes:

Brochure distribution: There was continuing discussion of involving students and scouts in distributing informational brochures to City residents. Maybe a Ward at a time. It was noted that weed whackers/string trimmers are a continuing problem for City street trees.

Statue Landscaping: Judi is scheduled to meet with Peter Jemison on October 10. She will send information to John so he can broach the subject with the DOT when he meets with them on the 15th.

Ash Trees: 20 City ash trees were removed this year. The largest have been taken out first. Now the 14"-16" are going to be removed along with silver maples that are too big.

Lantern Fly: Not here yet but expected in the future. They affect grape vines especially.

Plaque: Melissa's plaque has been mounted in concrete and will be installed soon.

Quote of the day: "The solution to pollution is dilution." John Goodwin

Statistics: Laura's Stats- 2018 Falling Tree deaths= 113; Struck by Lightning= 0; Falling out of bed= 452; Pedestrian= 3777; Texting while driving= 4524; Lawnmowers= 51

**Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday November 7th, 2018 at 6:30 pm at City Hall**