

Village of Mariemont Tree Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Present: Wendy Van Buren ODNR Representative, Superintendent John Scherpenberg, Council person Dr. Marcy Lewis, Mary Beth York, Barb Whitaker

Missing: Mayor Brown and Brad Lockhart

Meeting started at 10:30 and the approval of minutes from Tuesday, October 06, 2020 . Mary Beth York requested a change in paragraph 6. Requested to change **25** green mountain sugar maples to **22** also in paragraph 9, Mary Beth York, asked to insert the word **existing**. The line now reads. It's safe to say the **existing** tree will be lit and ready to go for luminary night 2020.

The changes to the minutes were accepted as mended. Karen Berkich had the motion and Dr. Marcy Lewis had the second.

Old Business:

Discussion on the planting 22 green mountain maples on Maple Street. Some trees were moved because of the utilities being in the way.

Mary Beth York met with Brad Lockhart and Superintendent John Scherpenberg on different occasions reference to proper placement of trees and looked at issues with the underground utilities. Mary Beth York updated the map to include the new trees, utilities and existing tree already on the street.

The deer fencing was installed on the trees, Tuesday, November 03, 2020.

Mary Beth York, asked that 1 tree to be moved or be removed as it is within 10 feet of the other tree. Superintendent John Scherpenberg brought up the fact that renters really want to keep the tree

New Business:

Mary Beth York stated the **Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF)** donated \$3000.00 towards the new trees.

Discussion amongst the group, on developing a tree board ordinance and how it will be submitted to the Mayor, Council, and Village Solicitor for approval. Wendy Van Buren will send out a draft. Chapter 96 is the current tree ordinance. The discussion continued about having only 5 voting members and the others can be project officials. The Chairman Joe Stelzer of the Health and Recreation is looking for a long term plan and has several people who may want to be involved with the tree board. He will be calling several people to check their interest.

Discussion continued, Chestnut Street to plant red chestnuts, red oaks was on the list from previous meeting in 2018 with MPF.

The group agreed to go out and survey the street for areas to plant additional trees. This will help the village to be able to prepare a budget for cost of planting trees in the future. It will also give the village an idea of other areas that were losing the tree canopy from past years of removals.

Mary Beth York will make a form to use to mark down the location of available space.

We all agreed to break up the village into sections based of our village map of voting sections. Section 1 Karen Berkich, section 2 is Barb Whitaker, section 3 Mary Beth York, section 4 Dr. Marcy Lewis, Section 5, 6 is Superintendent John Scherpeneberg.

Before we concluded the meeting, Wendy Van Buren asked everyone what they could bring to the tree board. Several said to revitalize John Nolen and Eleanor Christies vision. The eagerness to learn more about trees, a healthier tree program.

Wendy Van Buren announced that City of Montgomery or City of Silverton will be hosting the next Tree City USA awards in 2021.

All agreed next meeting to be on Wednesday, December 02, 2020

The meeting concluded at 11:45

Respectfully Submitted,

John Scherpenberg

Superintendent