

Mariemont Tree Advisory Board Meeting Notes

Meeting Date/Time: March 10, 2021 3:00 PM

Attendees + Monthly Volunteers Hours

Voting Members: Barb Whittaker (36 hours), Mary Lewis (2 hours), Mary Beth York (3 hours), Kristin Van Scoy (8.5 hours) and Jason Brownknight (6 hours)

Non-voting Members: Margaret Jevic (1.5 hours), Cortney Scheeser (2 hours), and John Bentley (N/A).

Wendi Van Buren (ODNR) and John Scherpenberg (Village of Mariemont)

Meeting Notes

- February meeting notes were approved
- Arbor Day Celebration Update: Cortney Scheeser
 - Article has been published in the Towne Crier. Note sent to English teachers in Junior High and High School.
 - Date was changed from Friday to Saturday, May 1st.
 - Patriot Park is location, exact planting spot has not been selected.
 - Some nearby residents wish to give input on species and site selection and John S. will work with them. They have also offered to volunteer to help with watering.
 - Prior to start of event John S. and his staff will have everything set up.
 - Need help to spread the word about the event and poetry contest. MBY will share with local Village Garden club and other relevant community organizations.
 - Mayor will have a proclamation for the event.
- Mary Beth York gave an update on the status for Tree Planting Sections Survey. Survey is still in process with data currently being collected, reviewed, and recorded.
- Discussion on our roles on this Tree Board
 - Each member is to think about and submit two brief paragraphs regarding; 1) things I would like to accomplish or work on while participating on the board and 2) your goals for the board – what would you like the board to accomplish? Email information to Barb prior to the next meeting in April.
- Update on Tree Board Ordinance
 - Mariemont Tree Board Ordinance was passed by Village Council on March 8, 2021.
 - After further review and discussion of the approved ordinance a discrepancy was observed in the language regarding voting members versus non-voting members and total number of members. Only a slight change would be needed to rectify this issue.
 - Initial term limits are listed below:
 - Barb Whittaker (2 year term)
 - Mary Beth York (2 year term)
 - Jason Brownknight (2 year term)
 - Margaret Jevic (1 year term)
 - Brad Lockhart (1 year term)
 - Ginger Kelly (1 year term)
 - Marianne Prue (1 year term)
 - Marcy Lewis (2 year term)
 - Kristin Van Scoy (2 year term)
 - John Bentley (2 year term)
 - Karen Berkich (1 year term)
 - Martin Koepke (1 year term)
 - Cortney Scheeser (Undetermined)
- 2021 Historic Tree Planting Project Discussions was postponed until next meeting.
- Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM
- Next meeting April 14th at 3:00 PM