

Mariemont Tree Advisory Board Minutes

June 9, 2021

Welcome: The meeting was opened by John Scherpenberg at 3:02 pm and welcomed all of the attendees: John, Marcy, Mary Beth, Wendi, Margaret, and Barb.

John discussed the progress at the Mariemont Pool.

Flintpoint Way will have trees trimmed in a couple of weeks and will last about two days, with each side of the street lasting one day.

Barbara Whittaker, Chair, took roll call, along with volunteer hours
Barbara Whittaker 12 hours, Mary Beth York 8, Marcy Lewis 10, Margaret Jevic 6,
Absent John Bentley, 1 hour

Barbara Whittaker reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. A correction was mentioned by Mary Beth York that her 22 volunteer hours were omitted. Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Update for Tree planting sections survey.

Discussion continued concerning the survey and the need to complete it. John will give all additional information to Barb, so that it can be updated. This will complete the project. The survey will help John to determine what areas of the village need new planting and Barb will send copies to all board members.

There was an additional discussion on how to report major tree issues to John, and Wendi noted that John has done an excellent job of hazardous tree removals.

Next Education Campaign

There was a discussion concerning the wide spread need for proactive tree maintenance. This is not isolated to one area of the Village, and John detailed a brief history of how it was handled in the past. One of the most important jobs of the Mariemont Tree Advisory Board is to advocate for this so that all trees get proper maintenance and a plan is developed for planting, young tree training, and pruning. Discussions continued on how best to accomplish this. One discussion was to provide a series of articles to the Town Crier, to educate residents and develop support. The goal is to provide at least three articles this year. Marcy and Margaret will provide examples of what these articles may contain. Another suggestion is sponsoring a table at the “Taste of Mariemont.”

2021 Historic Tree Planting Project – Chestnut Street

Wendi gave an update on the Chestnut Street project, and answered numerous questions. (Proposal is attached.) Barbara Whittaker suggested the board accept the proposal, and John stated he will start to source the trees and would like someone to visit the vendor to inspect and select the individual trees.

Training opportunists

Wendi reported on who is taking TCA and John has been asked to see if a couple of his staff can also attend.

Wendi is going to offer a free statewide virtual pruning conference in October, to be followed by hands on-training. There will be various sites throughout the state, one of which will be Mariemont.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:25pm

Pending email approval by members, the next meeting will tentatively be July, 7 at 3 pm.