

Mariemont Tree Advisory Board

August 11, 2021 Meeting Notes

Location: Zoom

Meeting called by John Scherpenberg at 3:04 PM.

Meeting attendees (monthly volunteer hours): Barbara Whittaker (11 hours), Kristin Van Scoy (15.5 hours), Mary Beth York (28 hours), Marcy Lewis (2 hours), Jason Brownknight (2 hours), Margaret Jevic (3 hours), Ginger Kelly (2 hours) and John Scherpenberg (Village Superintendent).

- Following welcome, roll call, and approval of July meeting notes the meeting began with an update from Margaret J. regarding the first Town Crier article. The first article will focus on introducing the committee and voting members.

Marcy L. asked why we only have five voting members and not more.
It was decided to postpone this discussion to a future date.

- John S. gave an update on several tree maintenance tasks:
 - Tree watering; watering on new trees began today and water bags along Maple St., the Arbor Day tree, and other various locations have been filled and will be given 20 gallons per week during dry conditions.
 - Tree guards and stake removal; Village staff to follow-up with Barb W. regarding location of trees of concern.
 - The three pin oaks along Chestnut Street have been removed. Stumps have been removed as well.
 - Annual Village tree maintenance budget; 2021 budget is \$57,000 and \$60,000 for 2022 has been submitted to council for approval.
 - Chestnut Street fall 2021 planting project; John S. checking on availability of yellow chestnut trees.
- Barb W. gave an update regarding the upcoming Taste of Mariemont event on 8/29/21.
- John S. gave an update regarding the fall ODNR Pruning Workshop;
John S. and his crew will coordinate tools and PPE (e.g., hard hats, safety glasses),
Maybe publish an article in the Town Crier about the workshop.

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- Barb W. gave an update regarding the TCA Homework Project assignment; Street trees within District 6 have been evaluated using the Urban Site Index and tree planting recommendations have been completed along with a detailed Excel database for streets within District 6.

It was suggested that we use this method to perform a rapid assessment of Village street tree areas to get a sense of site suitability and recommended street tree size (small, medium, or large).

- A brief discussion was held regarding the Village website; It would be nice to have a tab on the Village Website entitled 'Tree City USA'. Terrace Park is a good example as they have a tab for Trees. Marcy L. will follow-up with the Village to see what our options are and how we can move forward and manage website information. Jason B. volunteered to help with development of information for web page.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM eastern standard time
- Next meeting: September 8, 2021 3:00 PM via Microsoft Teams