

Mariemont Tree Advisory Board

October 13, 2021 Meeting Notes Location: Zoom

Meeting was called to order by Barb Whittaker at 3:02 PM.

Meeting attendees (monthly volunteer hours): Barbara Whittaker (8 hours), Kristin Van Scoy (5.5 hours), Marcy Lewis (1 hour), Mary Beth York (10 hours), Jason Brownknight (20 hours), Margaret Jevic (5 hours), John Bentley (1 hour), and John Scherpenberg (Village Superintendent).

Meeting Notes

- Roll call was conducted by Barb W. and minutes were approved for the September TAB mtg.
- John S. noted tree watering bags have been removed and watering of establishing trees is completed for the year.
- Margaret gave an update on education: November Town Crier will have an article that discusses the Chestnut Tree planting for fall 2021 and discusses the process for tree selection. Kristin talked briefly about the October Town Crier article. Marci brought up the idea of having a December article about the Village Christmas tree that was planted in 1923.
- John S. gave an updated regarding the upcoming ODNR Pruning Class on October 28th. Participants will need to bring their own tools and personal protection equipment. John's crew will provide tables, name tags, water, and will block off parking areas. Thirty people are expected.
- Jason gave an update and summary of the ODNR Urban Canopy Restoration Grant application. Grant is in development. Primary goal for this meeting is to approve planting locations (District 6 and Mariemont Avenue) and species selections. After a lengthy discussion the species selections were approved along with planting locations. It was decided that TAB members would visit proposed planting areas to confirm species selections and plantings spots and include additional planting spots if located. The grant deadline is October 29th. Next steps include; a) finalizing species selections and planting locations, contact Village Mayor and Council regarding need for a Village resolution supporting the grant (Marci to be the contact for TAB, she recommended Jason be present at the October 25th Village Council meeting to address any questions). The resolution will need passed during the October 25th council meeting. Letters of support from the TAB chair and the Mayor will also be needed.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM eastern standard time. Next meeting is November 10th, 2021 at 3:00 PM via zoom.