

Mariemont Tree Advisory Board  
12-8-21 Meeting Notes      Location: Zoom

Meeting was called to order by Barb Whittaker at 3:01 pm.

Meeting attendees + monthly volunteer hours: Barb Whittaker - 13, Mary Beth York – 3.5, Margaret Jevic - 8, Kristin Van Scoy - 3, John Bentley – 1, Larry Gray - 1

Member hours not in attendance, collected by Barb W – Marcy Lewis – 1

Guests: John Scherpenberg (Village of Mariemont), Wendi Van Buren (ODNR)

### **Meeting Notes**

- \* Roll call was conducted by Kristin Van Scoy
- \* John S. thanked everyone for the great work during 2021. He announced that the Village was unsuccessful in securing the ODNR Urban Forest Restoration grant. The Tree City Growth Award Application was submitted.
- \* John S. notes that 17 trees were planted along Chestnut Street with deer fencing and staking taking place at a later date.
- \* Barb discussed opportunity for invasive species work to be conducted by Mariemont High School Environmental Club students. Potential project is removal of Amur “bush” honeysuckle along Miami Bluff. Need to for a work plan and treatment to be conducted at various locations for Tree of Heaven. This invasive species is prevalent near the pool area and concourse park. This species is a host plant for the invasive Spotted Lantern Fly and both species pose a great risk to the tree canopy in the Village. A long-term plan should be developed to address Tree of Heaven in the Village with a potential for applying for grant funding (e.g., Duke Energy Environmental Fund) to inventory and treat high infestation areas within the Village. Jason to look at area near pool for potential treatment this winter (prior to April 2022).
- \* Margaret wrote a great article that was the cover of the latest Town Crier. Topics are being considered for the January issue.
- \* Kristin discussed winter tree pruning needs. She will be the point of contact for any winter tree pruning work. Larry asked what needs to be accomplished. It is estimated that between 1500 and 2000 trees need pruned along streets within the Village. John’s crew can help with pruning after leaf collection is completed. We need to give residents at least one week’s notice prior to conducting tree pruning. Pruning is to be conducted during good weather days beginning in January. Kristin will get files from John S. regarding pruning needs and will develop a spreadsheet to help with planning and tracking. John B. noted the importance of sterilizing pruning equipment as to not spread diseases from tree to tree.
- \* Discussion was held regarding revisions needed to the Mariemont Code #96. Wendi noted she has a library of tree ordinance examples from other communities we can use. Kristin shared her desktop screen with Code 96 for the group to discuss and revise. Kristin made comments and changes as the group reviewed the Code. Code review stopped at 96.21. Review will continue during the January meeting.
- \* Meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm.