

MARIEMONT TREE ADVISORY BOARD

11-9-2022 Meeting Notes Location: Artifacts Room, Mariemont Municipal Building

Meeting was called to order by Kristin VS at 3:05 pm.

Meeting attendees + October monthly volunteer hours: Barb W - 24, Mary Beth Y - 21.5, Marcy L - 20, Bob F - 6, Larry G - 42, Kristin VS - will calculate, Margaret J - will calculate, Kevin Beckman - 2.5, Dave Middleton - 2.5, Jerry Frankenhoff (Natural Solutions Urban Forestry)

Member hours not in attendance, added later by Margaret J - Kristin VS - 44.5, Margaret J - 9.5

Total hours: 558 + 172.5 = **730.5 hrs**

Meeting Notes

* Roll call was conducted by Barb W. October minutes approved.

* Agenda Items

General Update

John S said we are in the process for marking stumps and finishing up tree work from wind storms. Tree City USA award filing is next. John S thanked everyone for their hard work on the grant.

Month in Review

Pruning Workshop

Kristin VS said our pruning workshop was a success and perhaps next year we can work on pruning decurrent trees (like zelkova).

Grant

Kristin VS said the grant was focused on NE corner of Mariemont (base of Indian Hill) which is very steep and has much stormwater runoff so proposal focused on canopy as well as storm water management.

Town Crier

Kristin VS said we will have an article explaining the grant - this is a huge win for the village that we want people to know about. Will hopefully generate some money and volunteers.

Council Meeting

Kristin VS said we will meet with council next Monday (Nov 14) at 6:00 pm to discuss what we have achieved (accomplishments to date, a review, not future plans). Barb W said if we present to council we get extra points for Tree City USA.

Dave W asked about the entrance to the school for trees, Kristin VS said that's not our property.

New/Ongoing Business

Dormant Season Pruning

Kristin VS said a pruning article went out in town crier in November. Mary Beth Y will send out a village wide email about the TAB's dormant season pruning. Kristin VS asked what the best way is to work with John's department when we do go out and prune. John S said if we can coordinate with limb pickup that would help (dragging to one spot instead of outside multiple houses). Dave M asked about coordinating higher limb cutting with John S. John S said it's hard right now because they're in leaf season. Kristin VS mentioned there are red maples along Miami with big co-dominant limbs that need pruning. Good weather toward end of 2nd or 4th week is the target to make it easy to coordinate with service dept.

Barb W asked about piling limbs up on the non-residential side of Miami Bluff. Kristin VS said she let her neighbors know she was going to prune her street and then drug all the branches to her own yard to wait for pickup, which is an option we could all use - work locally and pile brush in our own yard.

Kristin VS asked if we get a good weather day in the middle of the winter when we are past leaf season, can we call John and ask for pruning help. John S said yes that will work.

Barb W asked how we should communicate with each other about pruning. Kristin VS said the goal is to have a google drive with a pruning record file that we can all see and add to, that way we can go out on our own more easily. Mary Beth Y suggested we have a followup at our January meeting to see how individual pruning is going.

Marcy L said we should add in to the google document when we plant trees.

Additional Fall Planting

Mary Beth Y asked about the "tree coffin" over by Roosters if Marcy L was still wanting to pay for the tree to go there. Marcy L said yes. Mary Beth Y also said the condos on Madisonville also have open spots.

Marcy L said she doesn't like the idea of having two different trees along the "X" of streets in the square. Kristin VS said let's save this conversation for when we are vetting the master plan in a more formal way and we can address. After discussion it was determined to wait on further planting until spring when we have more budget and more resources.

Membership

Barb W said for Tree City USA we need to provide a list of members. John B is resigning his position on the board. Bob F and Larry G have been approved by council so we can make amendments for this year. Dave M can work on joining next year.

Arbor Day

Barb W said let's not leave planning this until last minute. Arbor Day education at school is another thing that gets us points. Kristin VS asked what specifically gets us points, school or educational piece. Barb W said there are multiple pieces. She gave the

example of planting a tree with an educational piece and providing tree saplings as a prize for people. Kristin VS said we could work with environmental club at high school, John S clarified that the HS would need to buy the tree, Kristin VS said we could plant the tree on HS property and talk about proper way to plant tree and talk about mulching and why trees aren't the same as they used to be. Mayor will still have to do a proclamation. Bob F said there was a tree carnival where kids had to get a license to plant that we could build that into it. Kristin VS said her concern is saplings. Mary Beth Y said \$79 was the amount of money that came in from the Arbor Day 2022. Jerry F said Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship gives seedlings - will bring to you at no cost.

Discussion about how to guarantee those seedlings would get planted and have a chance to grow well and survive.

December Meeting Proposal

Kristin VS asked if we want to meet at her house with food for Dec with a shorter agenda and have a conversation on priority setting for next year and review other items (ie: tree code).

* Meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm.