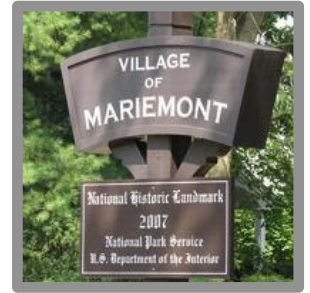


## MARIEMONT TREE ADVISORY BOARD Minutes



### Date

February 8, 2023 Location: Artifacts Room

### Call to Order

3:02 pm, Kristin

### Members (January 2023, Volunteer Hours)

#### Present

Larry Gray (6.0), Kristin VanScoy (23.5), Mary Beth York (3.0), Marcy Lewis (1.0),  
Dave Middleton (3.5), Barb Whittaker (1.0), Margaret Jevic (1.0), John Scherpenberg,

#### Not Present

Bob Faelten (9.5)

#### Other

high school students (14)

**Hours Month:** 62.5

**Hours YTD:** 62.5

### Approval of Minutes

- November 9 Minutes: motion, Mary Beth; second, Larry
- December 14 Minutes: motion, Mary Beth; second, Larry

### Agenda

#### 1. Village Update (John)

Tree removal, trimming, and other Village tree-associated activities to be performed by Davey Tree need to be approved before Davey can begin work. On Feb 13 and 14 TAB volunteers and Village employees will trim trees which need attention. Interested volunteers should meet at 9 am in the Indian View-Rembold Aves area.

#### 3. Grant Update

The Grant Implementation Committee met to develop specifics and terms to be included in RFP which will be sent to vendors. John and Wendi are reviewing the specifics and terms.

Schedule: bids out, 2/10; returned bids, 3/1; decisions, 3/3; start 3/15; trees in ground, 5/31.

#### 5. Master Plan Update

Kristin (Chair) stated she has time to begin developing strategies for the execution of the Master Plan. Items which need to be addressed so the Plan can be further developed, presented to Council and implemented include creating an ongoing planting schedule and guidelines for residents who request trees, vetting the plan, creating a communications plan for residents, etc. Goal: In 2023 address and put in place as many as possible details re: how TAB sees the Plan developing and being implemented.

#### 4. Town Crier

Margaret will write a sorely needed article on mulching.

#### 5. Pruning

Kristin developed ID badges for volunteers to wear while trimming and pruning trees. The volunteer's photograph and John Scherpenberg's signature was incorporated into each badge. John wants members to inform him and to wear yellow vests each time they trim and prune trees. Vests can be obtained from Kristin. Thank you, Kristin and John, for making us official.

## 6. Grant Survey from ODNR

Larry and Barb responded to the Survey and provided their guesses as to funds we anticipate needing. The survey asked municipalities how much funds each might need to accomplish its goals. The Survey was not easy to complete because the questions were nebulous.



## 7. Arbor Day

Larry (Chair) led the discussion re: an Arbor Day (April 28) celebration which incorporates recognition of the Village's 100th Anniversary (April 23). Discussion included (i) planting a tree appropriate to site and conditions in a prominent place within the Village, (ii) commemorating the day and event with a permanent plaque of some some sort, (iii) having a planting celebration/ceremony in which the TAB, Mayor, elementary school children, and residents might participate. To be determined:

- **site** (intersection of Wooster and Oak?)
- **tree** (Northern Red Oak? selection? purchase? funding?)
- **date** (April 28, 29, or 30 to avoid conflicts with Anniversary functions. Larry will contact Mayor for his schedule.)
- **plaque** (funding, style, phrasing, approval, etc. Marcy will help Larry with this.)
- **communication** (Larry will write an article for the Town Crier.)

## 8. New Business: Mariemont 10 Big Trees Project(s)

Mary Beth (Chair) proposed using Wendi's Mariemont Big Tree information in ways to celebrate the Village's Centennial and educate residents to the significance and importance of these big trees. The project could include any or all of the following activities: plaques or QR codes at each tree (species, age, height, history, ecology, etc.); self-guided walking tours; involvement of elementary school children in outdoor activities; etc. Members suggested the project be emphasized and implemented in the second half of 2023.

## Adjournment

4:01 pm, Kristin

## Minutes Taken and Submitted

Larry Gray

February 14, 2023

## Important dates:

- Next board meeting: February 8, 2023, 3 pm, Artifacts Room
- Sophomore TCA: May 18-19, 2023
- Senior TCA/Graduation: May 1 and May 15
- Junior TCA: October 18 & 19, 2023