

Mariemont Parks Advisory Board

Village of Mariemont

May 5, 2020

Present: Louise Schomburg, Joan Vago, Mary Tensing, Ruth Varner, Marcia Duval, Carrie Gray

Absent: Eric Marsland, David Wuertemberger, Leah Geldbaugh

This meeting of MPAB was held outside on the patio of the Dilly Cafe due to the present Covid 19 and social distancing advisory. Members brought their own chairs and sat appropriately apart from each other

Village Trees:

Louise reported that one of the new cherry trees planted last year was broken off by road construction crew. Also a tree on Wooster Pike was hit and knocked over by a car. She has reported both of these to Village Maintenance and new trees will be planted to replace them.

Louise will also check with Mayor Bill Brown to see if a nicer tree can be planted to replace the tree honoring our Past Mayor Dan Policastro. This tree was planted by a Boy Scout and a nice marker was also supposed to be placed by the tree.

A pine tree is being donated by the Keyes family in memory of Peggy Keyes who was a long time resident, garden club member, and park board member. It will be planted in the same area as our present pine tree used for the Village Christmas Tree. The existing tree is very old, has lost limbs and is generally not in good shape. It is hoped that the new tree may someday replace the older tree. This planting will have a special ceremony and be used as The Village Arbor Day tree planting.

Parks and Gardens:

The parks all look great and have even been mulched. Louise thanked everyone for their hard work in getting the parks ready and the village maintenance department for mulching.

Marcia mentioned that in some of the areas mulch needs to be pushed back from some of the plants where it's a little to close.

Group projects were planned as talked about at our previous meeting. Ruth will try and text members before the scheduled date to remind everyone.

On May 16 , at 10am weather permitting everyone should meet at the Old Town Center. Corner bushes need thinning and a group effort will make it go quicker. Also Louise would like to demonstrate a

method of trimming back boxwood rather than using clippers across the top. Members should bring clippers.

Future group projects will involve clean-up behind the concourse and at another time cleanup around the village woods across from Jordan Park.

The board also will be checking with the mayor and village council to see if a portion of the profits from the Farmer's Market has been designated to the parks as originally intended.

The next meeting of MPAB is scheduled for June 2, 2020. An email will be sent to remind everyone.

Ruth Varner

Secretary