

Tree Board Minutes for July 3, 2024

The July meeting was called to order ~ Mike Conway

Minutes ~ Sally Soderlund

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. The minutes were approved.

Treasury ~ Kathleen Laurin

General Fund

\$9,500.00 (from the city of Park Hills budget)

Reserve Fund Balance

\$521.00

Park Hills Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Give Away ~ Mike Conway, Pat Flannery, Sara Ahlrichs

The Park Hills Arbor Day Celebration ~ Tree Give Away will be held on October 5, 2024.

Park Hills/Baetens 50% Off Tree Program (Fall of Each Year)

Pat and Mike will talk to Baeten's about the best way to coordinate offering an additional discount to Park Hills residents when they purchase a tree during Baeten's annual Fall tree discount program. Sara suggested that a cap be established.

New Board Members & Board Member Roles

The Tree Board welcomes our 3 new Tree Board members Marty Grimes, Sara Ahlrichs and Tony Darin.

Open Tree Board Member Roles are: Treasurer, Landmark Tree Program Administrator, Grant Procurement.

Sara has agreed to be our Marketing & Communications Coordinator.

Tree Board Roles

Chairman - Mike Conway

Vice Chairman - Pat Flannery

Secretary - Sally Soderlund

Treasurer - Kathleen Laurin (emeritus and advisor)

Marketing & Communications - Sara Ahlrichs

To Be Determined ... Marty Grimes & Tony Darin

Introductions ~ Sally Soderlund

- Lily Soderlund, Arborist
- Joe Shaw, Arborist
- Sally will ask her daughter, Lily, and her coworker, Joe Shaw, arborists who have knowledge of other Northern Kentucky cities' tree policies, to attend our next meeting. We would like them to answer our questions regarding those cities' tree practices, including dedicated City Arborists, Landmark Tree Programs, budgeted amounts for tree related issues and the cities' policies for responsibility and care of trees in a city Right of Way.

Previous discussion of Landmark Tree program:

- Numerous options and considerations for implementation
- Possible liability and additional responsibility for trees
- Possible financial aid for tree removal for trees in the city's easement
- Decisions needed for tree removal, tree viability and securing a city arborist

Discussion points:

- Options for dedicated Park Hills arborist
- Scope of a future Landmark Tree program

Adjournment ~All Agreed