

## City Of Bloomington Tree Commission

### February 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Lee Huss, Bloomington Urban Forester. In attendance at Rose Hill Cemetery Office were commission members : Kerry Bridges, David Dilcher, Zoe Need, and Mia Williams.

- I. Approval of January Minutes – Lee Huss asked if all members received a copy of the minutes from the January meeting. There were no questions or concerns from the commission members and the minutes were approved as submitted.
- II. Old Business
  - A. Davey Resource Group Tree Inventory and Canopy Assessment – present from Davey Tree were Sam Haywood and Tyler Vanvlerah to discuss the recently initiated tree inventory. The project kicked off February 11 and a crew of 3 people will be working Monday through Thursday through March 29<sup>th</sup> collecting data in addition to Tyler who will be overseeing operations for the project. The scope of the project includes 13,000 right-of-way trees, 1,000 park trees, and 3,800 planting sites. Inventory data will be collected via tablet and then imported to Tree Keeper. A public presentation will be made following the completion of the project.
  - B. Arbor Day Celebration – Scheduled for Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> near the Johnson Creamery building where 4 pear trees were removed. Four Princeton Select Ginkgos will be installed in place of the removed pears. This event will take place in conjunction with the Farmer’s Market and will include a seedling give away. One of the ginkgos will be formally named the 2019 Arbor Day Tree.
- III. New Business
  - A. Third St. Park Tree Removals – tree removals are necessary to facilitate the hardscape improvement project for the front of the stage and associated accessible entry to the Jukebox facility within the park.. An additional six trees outside the scope of the project will be placarded for removal. Following the completion of the project the park will be replanted.
  - B. Gates Dr. Volunteer Tree Planting Event – Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 41 trees will be installed along Gates Dr. A recently announced Monroe County road project to facilitate additional access to the commercial area has changed the possibilities for the area a bit. The volunteer pool has not yet been determined.
- IV. Urban Forester Report – a hand out was provided with the highlights of the UF Report.
  - A. The spring 2019 Tree Order details were shared. Three nurseries have been tapped for stock that will arrive the first week of April.
  - B. Lee announced that the staff attended the Indiana Arborist Association’s Annual Meeting .
  - C. An update on the chipper truck was provided. The city has received a quote that was over the budgeted amount so the truck will have its existing features maintained and returned to Bloomington. The department will not get all the functionality out of the truck that they were hoping.
  - D. Tree grates are on order and should be received in March. Eleven grates are needed for this spring, currently scheduled for May.

- E. Pruning quotes are being requested and evaluated. The quote for large tree pruning has yet to be submitted.
- F. An order has been placed for two memorial tree stones, one for the Shiftlet tree at the Trades Building and the other for the Arbor Day tree.
- G. Lee has reserved space at the Monroe County Master Gardeners Plant Show April 6<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at the Armory.
- H. Lee is currently working with Lee on the 5gal. watering bucket order. A proof and a quote are forthcoming for the minimum order of 2,000.
- I. Tree Removals: Lee has tagged 24 trees for removal due to hazard considerations as well as 133 dead ash in the natural area along north Walnut St. The removals along north Walnut will start on February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- J. Future Dates of Interest
  - 1) Parks Board Meeting 2/26/19 – Urban Forester will present a request for the following -
    - a. an extension of the winter tree removal work that Blue Stone has been performing.
    - b. a contract to Rick Patrick for the pruning of 213 public trees.
    - c. the award of a contract to All things Green for the pruning of 28 trees
    - d. a contract to JR Ellington for the removal of 4 trees in Bryan Park
  - 2) Next meeting Wednesday March 20, 9:30 am Rose Hill Cemetery Office.

Minutes submitted by Mia P. Williams