



**MINUTES
TREE ADVISORY BOARD
Via Zoom
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022
4:00pm**

Members Present:

Nancy Moore, Council Chair
Anne Williams, Council Member
Nate Smith, Citizen Member
Tim Kalan, Citizen Member
George Eaton Citizen Member
Ted Auch, Citizen Member
Charles Orłowski, Superintendent of Forestry
Patricia Speese, Director of Public Works

Also Present:

Kelly Baker, Recording Assistant, Public Works

CALL TO ORDER – 4:02pm
Nancy Moore, Council Chair

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 8, 2022 MEETING MINUTES
Nancy Moore, Council Chair

Council Chair Moore asked if there were any questions, changes or additions to the February 8, 2022, minutes. There were none, a motion was made by Citizen Member Kalan, it was seconded by Council Member Ann Williams and the motion was approved.

FORESTER'S REPORT

Charles Orłowski, Superintendent of Forestry

Forester Orłowski stated that the city crews have completed all the construction project areas for this year and are currently pruning around the city. The spring tree planting program is ready to get started and will be planting over 400 trees. The tree maintenance contractor for the young tree pruning program has completed 600 of the 700 trees to be pruned. The pruning contractor will be pruning trees on Green Road from Beachwood to University Heights and on Fairmount from Green to Sulgrave. He mentioned the Boise planting event coming up on Saturday May 7th and also the Arbor Day events.

Council Chair Moore mentioned the Healthy Urban Tree Grant. Forester Orłowski stated that although the city ranked 30 out of 36 the funding ran out after the city who ranked 27th. He

believes they didn't rank higher because the area that they were requesting funds to plant in has a higher tree canopy rating due to parks in the neighborhoods. Director Speese stated she knew that they wanted to spread the funding out more evenly. Since they got the funds last year she stated they needed to be more dynamic. Director Speese said that will all the funding they do have this year, this loss would have been harder if it was last year. She said that even though this is disappointing they still have a lot of trees to plant this year.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Nancy Moore, Council Chair

Onaway Park Project

Forester Orłowski said they are still going forward with Citizen Member Smith's plan for planting trees at Onaway Park but need an engineer's stamp to go forward. He said he has been in contact and working with Director Speese and the Planning department to figure out funding to implement what Citizen Member Smith proposed. Citizen Member Smith stated that the grant funds that he received will need to be reimbursed after purchasing the trees and Director Speese said this should not be a problem dispersing the funds.

Children's Bookmark Design Project

Council Chair Moore stated that she is working with Margaret Simon at the Shaker Library and she has been distributing the Red Maple and Redbud tree saplings that Forester Orłowski has been dropping off at both library locations.

No-Mow Site Pilot 1

Council Chair Moore said that the No-Mow Pilot will be on April 30th and funded by the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the Doan Brook a total of \$2,000 for the planting event located at the corner of South Park by Courtland Blvd, across from Hathaway Brown School. The event takes place from 10 am – 1 pm. She stated that they are looking for a dump on that day of wood chips from the Public Works department and Forester Orłowski agreed.

No-Mow Site Pilot 2

Council Chair Moore stated that this project is in the grant application stage and has not yet heard back as of the date of this meeting. She mentioned that she applied to the Shaker Lakes Garden Club for a \$5,000 grant and should be notified in May if awarded. These grants will restore a woodland habitat at the No Mow Site at South Park and Lee Road.

No-Mow Site Pilot 3

Council Chair Moore stated that John Barber of the Friends of Lower Lake has asked Public Works if they will create a semicircular boarder around a white oak tree that received the heritage tree award from the City a few years ago. There was no marker indicating the tree won the Heritage Tree Award at the site and Council Chair Moore asked Forester Orłowski if he would place a plaque there. Forester Orłowski said he is looking at another alternative and he will ensure it has a marker.

Council Chair Moore stated that they don't want it to be mowed within the semicircle. Citizen Member Kalen stated that they staked out the area over the past weekend. Forester Orłowski said if it's staked that it would be easy to just put woodchips over the area around the tree.

Boise Paper Planting Event – May 7th

Council Chair Moore stated that Boise Paper Company donated \$30,000 to fund the planting of trees. The city identified the Moreland area for the planting of trees. Last fall the city planted half of the trees and will plant the remaining trees at this event on May 7th.

Citizen Member Eaton has been recruiting volunteers in the Moreland area to help with this event. He is also contacting Sharon Bell with MyCom to see if they can get some students to help by volunteering. Citizen Member Eaton added that some of the neighbors are aware of the benefits of trees and he sees them educating others of the same. He will keep the Board updated on getting more volunteers.

Council Chair Moore asked for other board members to be present and volunteer for part of the time during 10am-1pm.

Tree News

Council Chair Moore stated that John Barber would be presenting an article on what non-native species plants to not plant, such as English ivy, Vinca or Bamboo. She stated that she will submit an article regarding the native plant movement as she saw in an article in the Washington Post.

Southerly Park Over Mowing

Council Chair Moore stated that Nick Fletcher has been identifying areas in Southerly Park that are possible being over mowed. She stated short term Citizen Member Smith can do a GIS map of the park where they stop mowing and in the long term they can see if the Doan Brook GIS software matches what the cities are using to develop a map that pin points where the over mowing is being done.

Continue Virtual Meetings

Council Chair Moore explained that each committee is tasked with determining if they want to continue meeting virtually, go back to in person or do a hybrid of virtual and in person. She said the goal would be to keep the participation of these meetings high as it is currently.

Director Speese stated that participation in all of the public committees has been fabulous with Zoom. She stated that some parts of Zoom keep the personal part out of the meetings, but as a director she wasn't always able to make all the meetings in the past and with Zoom she has been able to attend more. Personally she'd like to keep this meeting virtual and in a few months revisit the question.

Citizen Members Kalan and Smith said the flexibility is nice but it wouldn't make much of a difference to them. Citizen Member Auch said he would vote for in person because he is burned out by Zoom. Council Member Ann Williams stated that she likes the hybrid choice and would like to aim for in person in August.

Council Chair Moore said it's the decision of the committee to have both options.

Arbor Day Tree Planting with SHHS - April 29, 2022

Forester Orlowski stated that they need all the members that are available to attend the Arbor Day tree planting at the high school.

Citizen Member Kalan asked if he should bring kids from his school over to the planting and if so, what time. Council Chair Moore said that she is waiting from the high school teacher they are collaborating with to say what time will work. She will let all the board members know when she hears back. Council Member Ann Williams will be present for the planting. Council Chair Moore advised Citizen Member Kalan that it was ok to bring students from his school.


Council Chair Moore stated that the location is on the triangle where Aldersyde meets Onaway and it currently is full of Crab Apple trees and the White Oak that they are planting for Arbor Day will go in the middle by the flag pole.

Tree Advisory Board 2022 Meetings-TBD – with possibility of additional dates.

Next Meeting May 10 @ 4:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Nancy Moore, Council Chairperson
Tree Advisory Board