

TREE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date and Time: March 12, 2015, 6:30 PM
Location: One Renaissance Center-345 High Street
First Floor-City Council Chambers

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Doris Bergen, Carol Christian, Ann Coombs, Alfred Hall, Chelsea Obrebski, Carrie Pate

Members Absent: Armand Bloch , Buck Huber,

Other Attendees: Jack Moser

II. Board Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting were approved (Carol, Chelsea) and the minutes of the February meeting were approved (Alfred, Chelsea).

III. Update from Mark Murray

Mark indicated that a message from the Tree Board could be put into the utility bills, probably in late spring or summer. Ann and Doris will meet to decide on the information to include in the mailing. Mark reported that Marcos Nichols is planning a tree planting on Campbell Avenue and checking into gas and electric clearance issues. There is a need for 37 trees and Jack indicated that 12 of them could come from our Tree Nursery. Mark will invite Marcos to the next Tree Board meeting to tell us more about the plan. Also, Kevin Maynard is planning to plant about 24 trees on Third Street in the Brownfield Redevelopment area. Carrie, Ann, and Doris will arrange a meeting to discuss with Peggy, who is on the Green Team. Possible meeting time would be March 16. They would like to have the planting of at least some trees on Arbor Day. Also Kevin is thinking about changing their tree service and having the city do the tree trimming. He is interested in hiring an arborist at some time to supervise this. The management plan meeting that was discussed earlier will also be set up and attendees will be Mark, Doris, Carrie, Craig, Kevin, and Rich. Doris distributed a report from Larry Bagford regarding the tree cutting he approved. For some trees he recommended pruning not cutting down.

IV. The Tree City USA

The regional luncheon will be held in the City of Wyoming on April 17. Mark asked for definite signups. Carrie, Ann, and Andy will attend. Mark will send in the reservations.

V. Tree Academy

Ann will check with Wendi as to the number from other cities who will be in attendance at the second session of the Tree Academy that is being hosted in Hamilton. Mark will check with the city people and mayor about their attendance. The sessions are scheduled for March 23 and 24.

VI. Tree Lab Update

Carol indicated that the plaques she ordered are in and she is in contact with school personnel about pruning the trees and she has the trees numbered and mapped. The plaques should be installed this spring. Ann indicated that she would still be interested in designing a brochure.

VII. Arbor Day Planning

Carol said that the school Arbor Day event will be at Brookwood at 2:00 on the 24th of April. She said that Ridgeway has been certified as a WILD school site and they are being given a tree from the school fund per their request at the last board meeting, which will be planted on Arbor Day. Doris suggested that the school personnel should send out a press release regarding this designation.

VIII. Public Education

Alfred asked that board members send him information and pictures for the Tree Board's Facebook page. It will get more hits if there is continual new information.

Alfred will also contact Cox Media to see if a reporter can come to the session that Chelsea and Dan are leading at the Lane Library.

X. Other Business

There was no other business.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Ann moved, Chelsea seconded.

The next meeting of the Hamilton Tree Advisory Board will be **on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM.**