

## TREE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Date and Time:** January 8, 2015, 6:30 PM  
**Location:** One Renaissance Center-345 High Street  
First Floor-City Council Chambers

### **I. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Doris Bergen, Armand Bloch, Carol Christian, Buck Huber, ,  
Chelsea Obrebski, Carrie Pate

**Members Absent:** Ann Coombs, Alfred Hall, Dan Gladish

**Other Attendees:** Mark Murray, Mrs. Obrebski, Jack Moser,  
Andy Weltzer, Joel Fink

### **II. Board Minutes**

The minutes of the December 2014 meeting were approved.

Moved: Carol Christian

Seconded: Armand Bloch

Motion passed.

### **III. Update from Mark Murray**

Mark reported that the Tree Board budget of \$2,500 for 2015 has been approved.

Carol informed Mark that the Arbor Day event will be held at Brookwood Elementary School. Mark will manage the announcements.

Mark has corrected problems with the website and has listed email addresses for Doris, Carol, and himself as contacts.

He has arranged for Fairfield's Environmental Commission to receive the minutes of the Hamilton Tree Advisory Board's minutes by accessing the Tree Board's website.

He reminded the board of the importance of documenting volunteer time so that the Tree City application can include the dollar value of this time.

He will check on the terms of current members and identify anyone who has reached a term limit. These openings have been and will be advertised so that other residents of the city can apply.

The Sophomore Tree Academy to be sponsored by the City of Hamilton will be held on March 23 and 24. Anyone who has attended the Freshman Tree Academy is eligible to attend. Ann will be asked to report on this at the next meeting.

### **IV. Report from Larry Bagford**

No report was provided.

**V. Nursery Stock Standard**

Wendi has forwarded information from the American Association of Nursery Standards. These standards will be followed in purchases by the Tree Board.

**VI. Management Plan Revisions**

Doris led a preliminary discussion concerning revisions to be made in the Management Plan. This plan is to be presented to City Council. Doris will work on a revised draft with a subcommittee that includes Buck Huber, Chelsea Obrebski, Carrie Pate, and Mark Murray. Steve Timmer, who is the director of the new Parks Conservancy, will be invited to meet with the board and to clarify the implications of the Conservancy's work for the Management Plan.

**VII. Planning Commission Update**

Armand reported that he has not received any further information from Rich Engle concerning the trees for the East High Street project. Mark indicated that, in the future, there will be ongoing reporting concerning projects.

**VIII.. School Tree Lab Update**

Carol reported that three additional trees will be ordered for the Tree Labs at Brookwood and Linden Elementary Schools.

The plaques for the trees have been ordered and a brochure will be created in the spring that will include information about the trees.

The goal will be to expend all the funds for the labs by the end of 2015.

**IX. Public Education**

Doris notified the board that Chelsea and Dan will be making a presentation at the Lane Library concerning trees. Alfred had made this contact and the library personnel were interested in having this presentation.

**X. Other Business**

Carrie informed the board that one of trees that were purchased at the end of 2014 has been planted in the Fourth Ward and that it has been well received.

Armand reminded the board about the threat posed by the Asian Longhorn Beetle.

**XI. Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned.

Moved: Armand Bloch

Seconded: Chelsea Obrebski

Motion passed.

The next meeting of the Hamilton Tree Advisory Board will be **on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM.**