

2017 0913 Forestry and Beautification meeting minutes DRAFT

Attendees: Georgette Cole, Chair; Audrey Maskery, Deborah Mehlferber, and Cynthia Werts

Resident Joan Mahaffey also came as liaison for the Woods Committee

Minutes from 080917 were approved as amended

Locations for fall tree plantings were discussed. The final list subject to what we find to buy:

Ace trees to purchase

- 1) 1 American Beech -- 410 Oak Street/Maple road
- 2) 1 Black Gum – Woodward Park – Grove road

Stadler Trees to purchase

- 3) White Pine for Lower Ridge Rd nr 358 Ridge (or from elsewhere)
- 4) 1 Swamp Oak – between 1 and 2 Circle
- 5) 1 Swamp Oak – Woodward Park near Maint. shed side of playground
- 6) Black Gum -- Brown Street at 103 Grove Ave
- 7) Oak tree (what types available?) to replace dead oak on Oak Street near playground (remove and grind)

- 8) Leatherleaf Viburnum (1-2?) Lower Ridge Rd nr 358 (or from elsewhere)

Trees to be moved (Ace or Marty Kelly)

- 9) American Beech (planted next to a telephone pole, very poor location) to Woodward Park/109 Maple Ave
- 10) Ginko (failing to thrive due to 2 adjacent Black Walnuts) to McCauley Triangle
- 11) River Birch in old garden area to other side of 108 Pine Ave. Get Miss Utility to look at lines.
- 12) Butternut, also in the old garden area, to a more open area of Pine Ave nr 107 (where a stump needs grinding)

To increase planting diversity we would like to find additional larger tree types. For example, where could we source:

Burr Oak- The bur oak grows well in acidic, alkaline, loamy, sandy, well-drained, wet and clay soils. While it prefers moderate moisture, the tree has some drought tolerance. The bur oak

grows to a height of 70–80' and a spread of around 80' at maturity. Slow growth of less than 12" per year. Prefers full sun, needs at least 6 hours of direct sun per day.

Black Oak-

Mature Height: 50-60 feet Mature Width: 40-70 feet

Light Exposure: Full sun (6 hrs direct light daily), Partial sun/shade (4-6 hrs light daily)

Soil Preference: Acid soil, Dry soil

Poor Drainage: Intolerant

Growth Rate: Moderate

Audrey and Deb will handle the tree purchases this year. Cynthia will accompany them to learn the drill. Joan will also accompany to buy trees for the Woods Committee.

We discussed NNIs growing in town and the next Bulletin will have information on Autumn-blooming Clematis.

New Business: We discussed plans for beautifying the Circle. We want to schedule a fall cleanup day when English Ivy can be removed and soil in the beds loosened. Acid fertilizer will be applied; azaleas pruned and mulched oak leaves added. The bed in the center of the Circle is looking quite bare, adding pachysandra could be helpful. Joan observed there is pachysandra in the West Woods which needs to be removed. We would also like to add native ferns. Although planting new azaleas is difficult due to the deer, it may be possible to tuck a few new ones in between larger, older azaleas and see if we can get them established. Most new planting would be a spring project.

Adjourn 8:40 pm.

Next meeting October 18 (third Wed since Chair Cole will be out of town on Oct 11).

Submitted by Georgette Cole, F&B Chair