

2020 FORESTRY AND BEAUTIFICATION

MINUTES FOR MAY 13, 2020

Georgette Cole, Chair, called the meeting to order (online via Zoom) at 7:30PM.

Attendees: Georgette Cole (Chair), Audrey Maskery (Council Liaison), Cynthia Werts (Recording Secretary), Deb Mehlferber, Joan Mahaffey, Jay Everhart and Paula Puglisi

The agenda was reviewed and approved by general consensus.

The draft minutes from the April 8, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Jay motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Joan. The motion carried 6-0.

Town resident tree suggestions: Paula Puglisi was present to review some suggestions with F&B for future tree planting in Morgan Park. She commented on how pretty the park is during the spring of the year and thought it might be nice to have a later blooming tree at the front entrance, as well. The committee discussed the possibility of either a Cherry or Crepe Myrtle to add shape and texture variance to the existing trees. After reviewing different varieties of these species, it was decided that a Crepe Myrtle would be best suited for the area. The group agreed to plan a date and time to meet at the front entrance to further discuss ideas for site locations and different sizes and varieties available. Georgette will send an email to committee members to arrange a time suitable for everyone involved. In addition, the group will discuss a suitable location for a Chokeberry (potted approx. 2.5 ft tall) that was purchased this spring by F&B but yet to be planted.

Georgette also noted that town resident, Sylvie Favret, has requested more tree planting on Chestnut Avenue (closer to Center Street). The committee agreed that any discussion of planting in this area should be delayed until Storm Water Management can assess and resolve the current drainage issues in that particular area.

Review of spring tree planting: Stadler Nurseries planted eleven new trees in April 2020, for a total expenditure of \$4,741.99. The list of new trees include:

- 1- White Oak
- 4 - Dogwoods (2 Cherokee Princess & 2 Celestial)
- 1 – Maple Crimson King
- 2 – Overcup Oak
- 2 – Red Maples (October Glory & Red Sunset)
- 1 – Red Chokeberry (bush) yet to be planted

Plans for fall tree planting will be discussed at the next F&B meeting in September. Georgette encouraged committee members to start making notes on appropriate locations for new plantings. It was noted that if the WSSC project along Grove Avenue were completed by the end of summer, our main focus would be along the avenue.

F&B work project: After consulting with the Town Maintenance Supervisor, it was agreed that weeding the flowerbeds in front of Town Hall would be a good project for F&B. Committee members can effectively work together (wearing masks & practicing social distance) or work individually on their own schedule. Jay volunteered to remove any poison ivy from that area.

Other Business: Joan expressed her disappointment over losing Audrey Maskery as a Town Council member and Liaison to F&B. Fortunately, Audrey will remain on the committee and continue to provide her valuable knowledge and years of experience with F&B.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Cynthia Werts

