

May 5, 2021 Minutes

Meeting called to order at: 7:00

Roll Call:

Diane Bowman Emmalee Herndon Lawrence Herndon Diane Smith Pam Taylor Julie Wilczynski
Jennifer Senchak Jeff Smith (liaison)

Recognition of guests: Michael Wilczynski

Approval of Minutes (from April 7, 2021)

Motion to Approve: Diane 2nd: Julie Approved

Treasurer's Report

Balance _19,900.34 no change (18944.84) regular budget, Memorial fund (301.70) funds from new tax (@6K)
Approved

Grant Report: Timeline sent, two months is required for sediment control testing. Plantings to begin spring 2022.
Ritts Park has 10 more trees and other plantings. DCNR grant of \$3,000 for new trees in Father Marinaro park.

Arborist Report: Stump ground on 433 N McKean, Redbuds to be planted. Arborist noted many cases of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in the area.

Old Business:

Julie Memorial: Project completed. \$301.70 remains. This is enough for a nice tree in Ritts ...perhaps near the memorial circle? - All agreed this can be used for a memorial tree for Julie

Kathy Kerry Project:

So far, 1 stump has been ground. DAVEYS tree took down the other tree that was in the wires. (no charge)
We have agreed on a placement for the new trees centered on a fence We have agreed on red buds... and are waiting for the second stump to be ground for the planting to continue (Ms. Kerry to pay for grinding)

Walks and Talks:

-Ritts Park June 2nd at 5:00pm, upper parking lot shelter. Subject to be the conservation planting of natives.
Asking Butler BrewWorks to participate. We will try to have some snacks and drinks.

New Business: New owners of Fudoli's building are asking to remove Locust. They are willing (as we understand it) to bear the cost and do most of the work to excavate. As the trees roots are well above ground and not complaint with the new streetscape, we will proceed with a replacement project.

Cunningham street: condition of pears - Pam and Diane took note of all pears, replants may be needed in the fall

Identifying addresses of trees that are non compliant with ordinance.

Motion to draft a letter to be used by code office advising property owners of the issue, but referring them to us for advice to relocate said trees and possibly replace trees with proper street trees. - Pam will draft a letter. Members should gather addresses of non compliant tree plantings as they are seen..

General Discussion: Reach out to the new Orchard Hill Church on Walker Ave in regards to several trees that should be removed – or were already removed, for possible replanting.

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Lawrence 2nd Diane Smith time of adjournment 7:40