

Minutes  
Tree and Public Gardens Commission  
May 20, 2015

**Present:**

Brett Egbert  
Larry Helman  
Erica Larcomb  
Susan Quintenz, Chair  
Linda Zupnick  
Jim Wilson

**Absent:**

Mark Reiner  
Celeste Williams

Barb Giller, Alternate  
Ellen Bowden, Alternate

**Approval of the Minutes from April 29, 2015**

**Motion was made Larry Helman to approve the minutes as e-mailed  
Seconded by Barbara Giller. All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Announcements/Small Victories**

Mrs. Giller announced that the letters have been mailed and to date Bexley in Bloom has received \$5,000.00. Mrs. Giller would like a younger person to help chair this fundraiser, she feels that Susie Rath will not be able to do it anymore.

The flowers are being installed at Drexel Circle and the endcaps and the new hanging baskets are up.

Mr. Dorman and Mr. Archer found out that it would cost \$5,000 to replace the fence around the calming circles on Gould and they would like to know how the board feels about the look and not replacing it.

The I-70 corridor gets mowed every two weeks and the board needs to discuss what kind of plantings they would like installed there. Will be discussed more

Mr. Dorman said on East Broad Street this year they will be installing a new storm line and next year they will be repaving and installing new sidewalks.

Mr. Dorman mentioned that MKSK gave them a proposal of \$13,000 for conceptual drawings for East Broad Street improvements which will also include Drexel Circle.

## **New Business**

### **230 Stanbery ---Kyal Heinze-Landscape Designer**

The existing trees are 2 Locust and a 1 Maple tree and they are in good shape.

Mrs. Quintenz feels that this property is under planted and it needs more screening there is no four season color.

Mrs. Giller lives next door to this property and she said that the new fence looks better the property really needs to be pruned in the past the landscaping was not taken care of.

Mr. Egbert said in general it looks good, but they need landscaping in the big beds in the front maybe a ground cover.

Mrs. Larcomb suggested adding more plant material with the existing trees and easily add some hostas for color.

Mrs. Zupnick feels that there should be more plantings.

Mr. Helman need more material and less differential in the front. The board suggested they plant existing bed in the front and have a board member or Bill Dorman work on the existing plan.

Mr. Helman made the motion to approve the plan as submitted with the exception of the front beds be subject to additional planting as recommended with the final review of the plantings and elevation with Susan Quintenz and Erica Larcomb. Motion was seconded by Linda Zupnick. All in favor. Motion carries.

### **Mayfield/Ferndale Athletic Fields---Mike Price and Mayor Kessler**

Mayor Kessler said that the last at the last discussion we discussed the preservation of Trees, since then they have developed more space planning. They want to bring fields next to the community gardens, provide parking and access to the fields and the garden for pedestrians. The plan would require us to access the Charles extension we have easement access to that street but the grade level is alot higher so we will stop using this area as a dumping ground and get rid of the service drive to create access to the street. We will relocate the garden plots to the north and add a playground. There will be 2 call boxes next to the bike rack and they will be lighting the fields and they will installing surveillance cameras. The fields will be the size of school size soccer fields and they will be grass. Unfortunately they will not be able to preserve any trees. The parking lot will be crushed limestone. There will portable restrooms. Mr. Egbert said that something to him seems wrong about the location of the portable

restrooms even if they are screened, he suggested moving them somewhere else. Mayor said they choose that location because they thought it would be good for the gardeners as well. Mr. Wilson feels that is a great improvement in the area he feels they do need to move the location of the portable restrooms. Mr. Archer said that his biggest concern is maintenance of the fields. Mrs. Giller in terms of security do you feel that when the recreation department is not using it something will happen to it. Mr. Helman said that currently it is a dump site so anything would be better than what is there, he suggested a fence along the south side and not to have the restrooms along the trail. Suggested having it near the playground. Mrs. Bowden thinks that it would be great for the neighborhood. Mrs. Quintenz said that the Bexley Community Foundation funded a party for this area to get input from the neighbors.

### **Request by Sarah Imes**

Re: plaque for Maple tree at 926 South Vernon Road

Mrs. Imes said her mother donated this tree to the city 50 years ago and she has passed on and she would like a small plaque installed on the tree in her memory.

Mr. Archer said the current tree on Vernon is Maple he mentioned that the tree in question is in good condition and will last many years. Mrs. Quintenz said that this commission has adopted a memorial policy. Mr. Wilson said that this policy does approve memorials, but you are responsible for the cost. The board suggested installing one of the new engraved tree plaque that the arboretum committee designed. Mr. Archer will work on the plaque and Mrs. Quintenz will e-mail her the final product. Mr. Helman suggested donated to the tree fund so that can also be added to the plaque.

### **Mayors Report-**

While doing some research he found out what BEXLEY means it means box tree meadow.

Mrs. Quintenz would like to know what we should do about getting items on the agenda in time, not the day of our meeting. Our deadline is noon on the Monday before the meeting. The board decided they would like the plan by Friday at noon, so they would have the weekend to review the plans and go to the site if needed.

Service Garage---Grant Archer

Mr. Archer said that the island on the side of the parking lot needs redesigned and inside the fence where the larger evergreens were to be installed is storage and parking. The walls on Cassingham have been approved and the low grow sumac installation is still good. There are some things that he can plant, he would like to plant grass there and plant the rest in the spring, to help break up the soil.

Mr. Archer said that his crew has been working on mulching and they have killed the grass around the trees on Drexel Circle. The Beech tree on Stanbery Circle has bloomed.

Next meeting June 17th