

Minutes  
Tree and Public Gardens Commission  
June 17, 2015

Present:

Larry Helman  
Erica Larcomb  
Susan Quintenz  
Linda Zupnick  
Jim Wilson

Absent:

Brett Egbert  
Mark Reiner  
Celeste Williams

Alternates: Barb Giller and Ellen Bowden

**Approval of the minutes from May 20, 2015.** Jim Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Barb Giller with the deletion that she lived next door to 230 Stanbery Avenue, but she does not live next door any more and there was not a fence installed and the landscape in the past has always been taken care of. Motion has been made and seconded to approve the minutes with the revision of paragraph to remove the 2nd blog of that sentence. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Bexley in Bloom Update**---Mrs. Giller said to date they have received \$8,300.00, still waiting on the big donation.

Mr. Dorman said they wanted to have the Jeffrey Mansion Entry way wall done for the reunion, but it will not happen.

**Service Director Report-**

Painted lights and removed a lot of the signs. We have been keeping up with the mowing and have been trimming on the parade route. We would like to focus on one particular project every week. Delmar/Cassady entrance along with the landscaping for the service garage will be one big project.

Have an intern working on the Landmark Tree Booklet.

Inventory of the tree software will be starting next week; you might see Grant Archer walking around with the ipad.

**Old Business-**

Mrs. Quintenz was not happy with the outcome 230 Stanbery Avenue, to her the house is under planted for a new build home that they are trying to sell. How can we do a better job for the City, we are not clear on what direction we should going. Mr. Wilson said that the new home owner can buy this house and plant whatever they want without our approval, he said that one of his concerns is if you are spending a lot of money on a home you should have a

say in the way it was landscaped. Mrs. Giller said but also there are people who might buy the house that do not care about the landscaping. Mrs. Giller does not care for the 4 bushes located in the front of the property. We need to find something that works in the community. Mr. Helman said you can't leave it vacant to sell the house with a minimal amount of landscaping. This street contains a lot of mature landscaping. Mrs. Zupnick feels that there should be a percentage regulation to stipulate the amount of money to be spent on landscaping.

The plant material is mature and overgrown. They are adding 11 hosta, a service berry, bottle brush buckeye. Mrs. Giller said that she has a hard time dictating that he needs to coordinate the landscape with the rest of the neighborhood. There are about 4 or 5 oak trees in the back that should also come down. They need four seasons of color. They plant material needs to be match the scale of the house. The dog wood should be 10 feet and remove the 1 gallon hostas, the 5 dense hues 3 gallon the vinca's and the burning bush. Mr. Dorman will draw out the way they would like it to look.

How could we review plans better? Until we get all the information, she is feels that we are not ready to review it at this meeting. We should have a record of direction. Mr. Helman said that if we have time on the agenda we can have a working discussion.

We moved our meetings from the first Wednesday of the month to the third Wednesday of the month, but we are still having problems accommodating BZA and Planning Commission, we are not receiving the material in time to review it. Mr. Helman said we can discuss the plan, but not vote on it if we do not have the information in a timely manner.

**785 Montrose- Golden Rain underperforming**--will discuss at the next meeting when Mr. Archer is back

**318 South Columbia**--- The tree is really declining, would like to discuss at the July meeting when Grant Archer is here.

### **Calming Circles-Thoughts**

Without the fences looks fine.

### **Arboretum Update-**

They are still spreading the word. Passed out brochures at the home and garden tour and they are available at the library, still need to get them into the schools. He did not know that we are a certified monarch butterfly because of the Community Garden. We are still figuring out how to include some of the bigger gardens for example CSG, Capital and the governor's mansion and the Schottenstein property. Mr. Wilson created a charter that he would like to adopt at the September meeting and then have the Tree and Public Gardens Commission adopt it. Mrs. Quintenz suggested contacting the man from Dawes Arboretum for tree species suggestions and there are some residents who breed plants.

## **New Business-**

Looking towards July---Bexley United Methodist Church Landscape revision  
Mrs. Quintenz read the e-mail she received from Amy Lauerhaus regarding the Tree and Public Gardens Commission looking at the plans for the United Methodist Church per the BZA request, to recommend the removal of the existing trees. Mark Scheiber is on vacation and they are trying to move forward. Mrs. Giller said that there is a walkway that goes up to the building that has cracked and needs to be redone. Mr. Helman said if a landscape plan was part of the building plan, the applicant can not retract the landscape plan. They withdrew the application Friday that BZA tabled on Thursday until it is reviewed by the Tree and Public Gardens Commission. The BZA tabled it because there was not informational strategy. Mr. Helman said we could of had them here to discuss the plan with them, just not vote on anything. Mr. Dorman said they are still on the July 9th agenda, but they are requesting this board have a special meeting to give recommendations before the meeting. The BZA said the application was recessed until the July 9th meeting. The recess was called since the BZA is waiting for approval from both the Tree and Public Gardens Commission and the city arborist.

## **Fall 2015 Projects-200 trees of which 150 are replacements; 50 are infill**

Mr. Archer said it is a \$60,000.00 project. Mrs. Quintenz announced the Columbus Foundation has funds available for beautification projects. She would like to apply for one. The Gould Livingston gateway still needs to be done and we can apply for funds to install bricks at Drexel Circle.

## **Havenwood update-**

Mr. Dorman said they will be peeling off the asphalt curb on the north side. So he thought it would be a good idea to walk it at the July meeting.

## **Interstate 70 update-**

Mr. Dorman wanted to know what the thoughts were of having it all grass for maintenance purposes. Mr. Helman said make it grass, keep it tidy and be done with it. Mrs. Larcomb doesn't want all grass we have enough areas with all grass. Mr. Dorman said we can use some different ornamental grass along the edges. The oak trees have doubled in size.