

Lake Geneva Tree Board Minutes

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

City Hall, Conference Room 2C

The Lake Geneva Tree Board was called to order by President Kirchberg at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Candy Kirchberg, Steve Peters, Constance Koswoski, Ald. Tim Dunn, and Mayor Hartz

Absent: Clara Jacobs, Bob Flemming, Arborist Jon Foster

Park Board members: Barb Phillipps, Ann Esarco, and Neil Waswo (Street Dept)

Approve minutes from previous meeting

No minutes to approve at that time.

Public Open Comments

Mayor Hartz spoke on behalf of the Beautification Committee, and asked that tree spraying in the Riviera Plaza be done in the Spring/Fall. Candy to discuss with Jon Foster

Park Board Report –

None

Street Depart and Arborist Report -

Neil spoke on behalf of the Arborist, and was able to help with some questions about Tree Flags, Tree Signs and what Tree and Brush operations meant according to the budget verbiage.

Fall Planting –

Neil stated that there are 63 trees for bidding this autumn

New Business -

Marker trees - Candy stated we should want to preserve them. Maybe spread the word about them. A consideration is to have pictures of them but not the locations as to not disturb them.

Letter to Businesses - Candy has drafted a firm but polite letter to the businesses near the Edwards Blvd area. This letter is to remind them of the need to replace trees in that area as stated in the site plans for that area. This letter needs approval by Quorum [we need clarification what is the correct number for a quorum for a board of 5 members (just a side note)]

Mayor Hartz will be walking this area with Mike S. in the next bit to check on the trees that are stated on the site plan. It was stated that this letter is a great idea to send to the business' with a follow up of the trees they get to replace. Candy is contacting John Swanson to see acquire addresses of companies to send letters for compliance.

Old Business

Budget cut by ½ - As a committee we are asking that the budget be increased to \$20,000 from \$10,000. This is in addition to the \$2000 for Tree & Brush Repair (fixing and repairing the current equipment) and \$8000 for Tree & Brush Operations (the equipment). The \$20,000 would be directed to the purchasing of planting of the trees in our city we get to call a "Tree City USA"! We have 7,000 trees we get to display in our wonderful city. These trees are a natural asset. These assets cannot compare to other assets such as the roofs of our building we need to upkeep. We need to safeguard these assets as well. We as a committee feel that the line item for the tree board should expand to more than just one line. Tim Dunn has been asked to champion our cause at the budget meeting.

Tree plaque application date - this will be determined when Jon gets back.

Set next meeting date - to be determined

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

10/01/2018 C. Kowoski

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