**Agenda**

**Bexley Tree and Public Gardens Commission**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025 – 4:00 to 6:00 PM**

**Bexley City Hall Council Chambers, Bexley, OH 43209**

1. **Convening the Meeting:**

A. Call to Order/Call the Roll – Susan Quintenz, Chair

B. Verify a quorum and appoint alternates as needed

C. Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2024, and January 15, 2025 – Mrs. Quintenz

D. Additions to the agenda – Mrs. Quintenz

1. **Review of Landscape Applications: Jim Wilson -**

A. No applications

1. **Residents Comments:**
2. **Announcements/Small Victories: Mrs. Quintenz**

A. “2025 Rooted in Bexley” programs at Bexley Public Library:

 a. March 5, 2025 – 1:15 PM – Zoe Schlanger - “The Light Eaters”

 b. April 23, 2025 – 1:00 PM – Amy Stewart - “The Tree Collectors”

 c. April 23, 2025 – 6:00 PM – Amy Stewart - “The Drunken Botanist”

 Fundraiser at 107 N Ashbourne for the BPL Author Series at the BCF

B. Sunday, April 23, 2025 – 3:00 to 4:30 PM – New resident reception – Jeffrey

 Tree Commission table will focus on mulch

 C. Moving March meeting to March 26, 2025, from March 19, 2025.

 D. Professor Markham celebrates a BIRTHDAY!

1. **Staff Reports:**

**A. Grant Archer: Bexley Urban Forester**

 1. Urban Forestry priorities for February/March

 2. Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

 3. Fair Avenue rehab updates

 **B. Matt Klinger, Director of Building and Planning**

 1. How does your planning responsibility intersect with the work and goals of Tree Commission?

 2. Process re: Installations

 **C. Monette Friedlander, Staff Consultant**

 1. Review and updates of approved installed projects

 2. Process for compliance

1. **Old Business:**
2. Spring Mulch Educational Program – review of ordinance, who is in charge

The ordinance that was amended by the mulch volcano ordinance that requires registration—I have underlined the parts that were amended by the ordinance:

**1456.01 REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

(a)   No person shall engage in or work at the trade or occupation of plumber, general contractor, tree lawn landscape professional, electrician, sewer tapper or heating and cooling contractor in the City, until that person obtains a registration in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

      (1)   “General contractor” as used in this chapter means any person or firm engaged in the construction, alteration or addition of any structure which requires a building permit under the Ohio Basic Building Code or the C.A.B.O. One and Two-Family Dwelling Code as adopted by the City.

      (2)   “Tree lawn landscape professional” as used in this chapter means any person or firm engaged in work in the tree lawn that would include any of the following: the planting of new material; the placement of mulch or other similar landscape material; the installation, replacement, or repair of hardscape material.

      (3)   “Tree lawn” as used in this chapter refers to that section of the City right-of-way between the sidewalk and the curb.

B. Joint Commission and City meeting – Topics for discussion – Mrs. Quintenz

C. Jeffrey Woods Festival – March 1, 2025 – 10:00 – 1:00 PM – help needed

D. Celebrating Arbor Day All April Long:

 A. “The Bexley Times” – pending articles.

 A. “Giants Rising” - Documentary movie at the Drexel, April 15 or 16 at 6

 B. Jeffrey Mansion tree plantings – Date – TBD

 C. Arbor Day Author – Amy Stewart at BPL, April 23, 2025, 1:00 PM

 D. “The Drunken Botanist” fundraiser for BPL fund at BCF, 107 N Ashbourne

 D. Governor’s Residence & Heritage Garden Tour – May 7, 2025, 10:30 AM

 E. Bexley Landmark Tree nomination/designation - Sheila Straub

 F. Bexley Fairy Village – Celeste Williams

 G. Thursday, May 1, 2025 – 2025 Bexley Bloomers Kick-off

1. **New Business**

 A. Workshop re: Roosevelt Medians rehab – Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 6 to 7 PM, Bexley City Hall

 **8. Reports from:**

 A. City Council Liaison – Troy Markham

 **8. Adjourn**

 Next meeting is Wednesday, March 19, 2025 – 4:00 PM