# Minutes

Bexley Tree and Public Gardens Commission Wednesday, April 16, 2025 – 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Bexley City Hall Council Chambers, Bexley, OH 43209

1. Convening the Meeting:
   1. Call to Order/Call the Roll – Susan Quintenz, Chair

Roll Call:

Voting Members Present: Sheila Straub, Susan Quintenz, Linda Zupnick, Celeste Williams, Mary McMunn, Jim Wilson, Ahdra Young, Barb Giller,

Alternates:

Absent: Charlie Flower

Excused:

Non-Voting Present: Grant Archer, Matt Klingler, Troy Markham, Monette Friedlander, Walter Reins

* 1. Verify a quorum and appoint alternates as needed

Ahdra Young was appointed a voting member

* 1. Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2025– Mrs. Quintenz

Jim Wilson made a motion to Approve – ‘the minutes of March 26, 2025’

Motion seconded by Sheila Straub Vote 8 - 0 - passed.

For: Sheila Straub, Susan Quintenz, Linda Zupnick, Celeste Williams, Mary McMunn, Jim Wilson, Ahdra Young, Barb Giller

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

* 1. Additions to the agenda – Mrs. Quintenz

No new additions to the agenda

* 1. Change in agenda priorities: Mrs. Quintenz

New Business discussion has been moved to the top of the agenda.

# Review of Landscape Applications: Jim Wilson, Vice Chair

A. No landscape applications for review.

# Residents Comments:

1. Old Business:
   1. Updated Tree planting and maintenance guidelines – Jim Wilson, Vice Chair

A discussion was held among the Tree Commission members regarding the Tree planting and maintenance guidelines. The guidelines will be discussed at the May meeting and updates will be made.

* 1. Tree Commission landscape design priorities:
     1. Recap of Roosevelt Medians workshop from 02/26/2025

The residents provided positive feedback about the re-design of the Roosevelt medians. The would like to use the area more often, and a plan will be drafted up in few months.

* + 1. Updates on Livingston Avenue Gateway Improvements: Ahdra Young

The Livingston Ave gateway improvements have been discussed. A draft plan will has not been put together yet.

# New Business:

* 1. Framework for evaluating/reviewing landscape applications: Mrs. Quintenz

The Tree Commission discussed their role in reviewing landscape applications. Evaluating applications is a process and the goal is to be consistent. Each application tends to be different

* 1. Role of Empirical information in decision making – Charlie Flower. Ph.D.

No discussion was held

# Staff Reports:

* 1. Grant Archer, City Forester
  2. Matt Klinger, Director of Building and Planning
     1. Mulch Volcanoes: Education and Enforcement

A discussion was held regarding mulch volcanoes and how landscape companies and homeowners will be notified.

* + 1. Recording Record of Decision

The record of decision takes full effect from when they received the record of decision.

* + 1. Other

# Reports from:

* 1. City Council Liaison – Troy Markham and Professor Markham

City Council liaison, Troy Markham, shared his fun facts and council updates.

* 1. Walter Reins, T&PGC Commission staff consultant

No discussion was held. Landscape plans from the city will be presented next month.

# Announcements/Small Victories: Mrs. Quintenz

# The Arbor Day events were well attended. This year resident had the opportunity to attend events over the month of April. A discussion was held among the commission about how they can do better next year and activity ideas that can be added.

1. Celebrating Arbor Day All April:
   1. “The Bexley Times” with thanks to Mary, Charlie, Jim, Sheila, Bexley Historical

Society

* 1. April 11, 5:00 PM – Landmark Tree Nominations – Sheila Straub

1. April 14, 10:00 AM - Jeffrey Mansion preschoolers plant trees; enjoy treeturoials
2. April 15, 7:00 PM - “Giants Rising” - free movie at Drexel. Jim Wilson moderating

Talk Back: “The Benefits of Trees Outside the Sequoia World.”

1. April 23, 2025 – 1:00 PM – Amy Stewart - “The Tree Collectors” BPL
2. April 23, 2025 – 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Amy Stewart – author of “The Drunken Botanist”. Fundraiser at 107 Ashbourne for BPL Author Series at BCF
3. April 25, 20205 – 4:00 PM Mayor’s dedication of Birch Walk in Schneider Park
4. May 7, 10:00 PM – Tour of Governor’s Residence and Heritage Gardens

# Adjourn

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 21, 2025 – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM