**Agenda**

**Bexley Tree and Public Gardens Commission**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024 – 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 August 21, 2024 – Mrs. Quintenz**

**D. Additions to the agenda – Mrs. Quintenz**

1. **Review of Landscape Applications: Jim Wilson, Vice Chair and Karen Bokor, Staff Consultant**

A. TPGC-24-6 – Review of landscape at 81 North Drexel as referred from ARB and BZAP - Nate Sampson, Architect, Behal, Sampson & Dietz

1. **Announcements/Small Victories: Mrs. Quintenz**

A. Honoring the Bexley Fairy Village Summer Ambassadors – Ava Perfect and Maddy Shainker, Mayor Kessler and Celeste Williams

B. 2024 Bexley Bloomers: What’s New – Mary McMunn

C. Bexley Community Gardens Fundraiser – October 16, 2024 – Mary McMunn

D. 2024 Bexley Landmark Trees Golf Cart Tour, October 11, 2024 – Sheila Straub

E. October 16, 2024 – Early Start for Tree Commission members that day –

3:00 for one hour of reviewing recommended street tree selections

1. **Staff Reports:**

**A. Spencer Martin: Bexley Urban Forestry Arborist**

1. Arbor Day Tree Giveaway Project

2. Mulch Volcano elimination program – any difference?

3. State of the Urban Forest: Summer 2024

4. South Community Garden Tree plantings

5. 2024 Fall Planting – 100 Trees plus replacement by City of Street Trees removed in 2023

**B. Ben Kessler, Mayor, City of Bexley**

1. Gant Chart of both City and Tree Commission Projects

a. Stanbery Pillars and plantings in ROW

b. Drexel Circle walls rebuilt

2. Mayor/Grant Golf Cart Tour of South Bexley – locating tree vacancies

3. Land Use Strategy Public Meeting

a. Montrose plantings

4. Dovetailing or not Tree Commission priorities with Bexley Beautification Fund Advisors priorities

4. Cassady and Fifth Updates focusing on Delmar intersection

5. Commonwealth Connector design

6. Other

1. **Old Business:**

A. Infilling all tree vacancies in Bexley within three to five years? What will our plan look like? Mrs. Quintenz

1. Suggestion: Major throughfares first and second years followed by residential street third through fifth years.

B. Planting and Tree Maintenance Study Group – Jim Wilson

1. October meeting – how will we organize the review?

C. Goals for the Arboretum – Additional Species and Education

1. **New Business**
   1. 2024 Trees for Bexley Fundraising focus – Ellen Bowden
2. **Adjourn**

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 16, 2024 – 3:00 to 4:00 – Street Tree Species review

4:00 to 6:00 Regular meeting