



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**  
**04:00 pm**

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**1. Review of agenda flow:**

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

**Roll Call:**

**Voting Members Present:** Jim Wilson; Sheila Straub; Dave Wakeman; Susan Quintenz; Larry Helman; Celeste Williams; and Linda Zupnick

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Barb Giller; Ellen Bowden; Mollie O'Donnell; and Rob Hilbert

**Non-Voting Present:**

1. Establish a quorum - Barb, Ellen and Mollie out; appoint alternates if necessary

- b. Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2018 (attached) – Mrs. Quintenz  
DRAFT 12-19-2018

Sheila Straub made a motion to Approve - 'minutes as written.' Motion seconded by Larry Helman. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Dave Wakeman, Susan Quintenz, Larry Helman, Celeste Williams, and Linda Zupnick.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Barb Giller, Ellen Bowden, Mollie O'Donnell, and Rob Hilbert.

- c. Announcements/Small Victories/Professor Markham/Residents' Comments:

Mr. Larry Helman shared with the Tree Commission The New York Times annual 52 places to travel in 2019 and Columbus, Ohio is number 47.

a. Welcome Carl McKinney - Mrs. Quintenz

Chair Quintenz welcomed guest Mr. Carl McKinney. Mr. Mckinney is a landscape architect and is considering to be an alternate for the Tree Commission.

b. Trees For Bexley 2018 fundraising YTD

The Trees for Bexley Fundraiser have raised to date \$35,676 from a 116 donors. Last year, the Trees for Bexley Fundraiser (2017) raised \$32,116 from 108 donors.

c. March meeting changed to Wednesday, March 27th, 2019

Mr. Jim Wilson will not be attending the March 27, 2019 meeting and asked to be excused.

d. The "Nature" of things – Troy Markham, City Council Liaison

Troy Markham, City Council Liaison presented his question of the month- What is the very popular fruit in America that is in danger of becoming extinct? The answer is bananas, a fungal disease is causing bananas to die.

Oversight Areas by Commission Members for 2019

**2. Applications to be reviewed – Plan in on time?**

a. \*2106 East Main Street - Ohio State Bank

The landscape plan was present by Steve Kolwicz - Pod Design. Staff consultant Ms. Elena Andrews presented her report commenting on the site requirements with the repairing and setbacks. The Ohio State Bank also needed to meet parking and elevations per zoning codes for building along Main street. There are a few concerns for the 5 trees that are proposed to be planted along Main street. The tree wells look small and are close together and would prefer to have the same tree wells and look that are currently on Main Street. Ms. Elena Andrews also would like to hear if the applicant is planning to add another street tree along the Parkview side of the building.

Mr. Steve Kolwicz present the plan for 2106 E Main St.- Ohio State Bank. The goal is to add an appropriate amount of planting for the site as well as meeting all the requirements for Main Street. There will be an irrigation system in place, it has yet to be designed. The required dimensions for the sidewalk are making it challenging to design the tree wells along E Main. Mr. Kolwicz also proposed that the trees currently planted in the back north side of the property (in front of the 10 foot wall) will need to be removed to make room for the required amount of parking spaces.

Mr Grant Archer provided a report of the health of the city trees. There are four London Planes along E Main street, the tree on the east side side is dead and will need to be removed. The Linden along S Parkview is failing and will be removed. According to the proposed landscape all four London Planes will be removed, as well as the Linden.

A discussion was held among the Tree Commission regarding the proposed plant material and feedback was given to the applicant.

2106 E Main Street Ohio State Bank Landscape Plans and Details\_11-20-2018

2106 E. Main - Landscape Plan (1)

18106\_SchematicDesign\_BZAP Presentation\_180927

Ohio State Bank\_Tree Commission Staff Review\_Revised 11-26-18

Dave Wakeman made a motion to Table - 'The landscape plan for 2106 E Main- Ohio State Bank was tabled for the February 20, 2019 with recommendations.' Motion seconded by Sheila Straub. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Dave Wakeman, Susan Quintenz, Larry Helman, Celeste Williams, and Linda Zupnick.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Barb Giller, Ellen Bowden, Mollie O'Donnell, and Rob Hilbert.

b. Reviewing Design concepts for Broad and Gould

The Tree Commission preferred the option "B" fence style. The Bexley Beautification Fund has \$25,000.00 appropriated for the Broad and Gould gateway. The Tree Commission kindly asked Mr. Grant Archer if his team will provide markers to scale on site.

3. Mayor's Report:

a. Havenwood Landscape Plan Study Group

Mayor Kessler will be soliciting landscape designers for bids the first half of the year. He would like to select residents who live around Havenwood Park and a few members of the Tree Commission to participate in the study group to discuss the landscape design.

b. Other

The city is working on a few events regarding Arbor day and Earth week. Earth week will be extended through the week and the ESAC committee will be setting up a fair. Arbor day will feature a COSI science festival to show the science of syrup.

Mr Larry Helman asked about the status of the Blue Spot Yoga studio. The yoga studio has one curb cut on Cassady, one behind the building, and two curbs cuts along Ruhl

Ave. The curb cuts on Ruhl will be abandoned and would be restored to tree lawn.

A historical preservation working group will be launched in February.

TPGC Rules and Regs 2018 FINAL proposed (1)

4. **Staff Report: Elena Andrews, consulting Landscape Designer**

Ms. Elena Andrews added two landscape designs to her list to review. Her goal is to review the list of landscapes in the spring.

- a. Review status of 2018 installations

5. **Old Business**

- a. Tree Stump on Bexley Park – where are we with bringing forward definition of tree stump to City Council+

The definition of a stump was added to the Ordinance and will be presented to City Council.

- b. Landscape design plans on web site/Tree Commission app on web site

The Building Department software for permits and applications, Viewpoint, is not yet live. Once it goes live the Tree Commission will discuss the landscape plans and application.

- c. Specs for private planting of City Trees in the ROW: Mollie's info from City of Columbus.+ Grant Archer

Mr. Grant Archer provided his comments regarding the site preparation Ms. Mollie O'Donnell prepared. His concerns are with the follow through of the installations and who would be in charge of enforcing any requirements if they are not met during and after the job. A discussion was held about construction on private property and if Ms. Elena Andrews is permitted to walk onto a site to review the condition of the trees during the building process.

02100 - Site Preparation

- d. Arbor Day -Tree Give Away – Committee and ideas

Chair Quintenz will be preparing a list of trees to giveaway. The plan is to have 3 different tree species with 10 different sizes. One idea presented by Chair Quintenz was to require a hole to be dug before receiving a tree. Ms. Elena Andrews expressed her concern regarding a hole being dug prior to receiving a tree. If the resident does not know the size of the root ball the hole could be too deep. Comments and other ideas were discussed among the Tree Commission about the Arbor Day tree give away.

- e. New Build Site plans - What do we want the site plan to show/enumerate?  
Information for Site Plan on New Builds (1)

## 6. New Business:

- a. Revised ordinance of noxious weeds – Troy Markham, City Council; where are we with this

Council representative Mr. Troy Markham will have an update regarding the noxious weed ordinance at the February 20, 2019 meeting.

- b. Setting priorities for 2019:  
2018 Priorities were: Broad/Gould gateway; Alum Creek/Schneider Park; Broad/Nelson entrance; Drexel Circle

The Tree Commission has been around for 20 years and Chair Quintenz encouraged members of the Tree Commission to approach this coming year to create new innovative ways of thinking for the community. Priorities and goals will include Drexel Circle, Braod and Gould gateway, and the Broad and Nelson gateway.

- c. Looking at a Committee structure – topic specific like: Arbor Day planting; Drexel Circle; MSG – revisions; Gateways; Street Trees

Chair Quintenz assigned all the members of the Tree Commission different projects to focus on throughout the 2019 year. Please see the attached document to see which project a member was assigned to.

Oversight Areas by Commission Members for 2019

## 7. Staff Reports:

- b. Grant Archer, City Forester, City of Bexley

The Tree City USA awards will be held April 18, 2019 at Trinity. Currently, AEP is trimming trees in the North end of Bexley. The City is also removing tree stumps and trees from the removal list.

- c. Troy Markham, City Council Liaison, City of Bexley

