



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 18, 2018**  
**04:00 pm**

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**1. Call to Order/Call the Roll – Larry Helman, Acting Chair**

**Roll Call:**

**Voting Members Present:** Barb Giller; Jim Wilson; Sheila Straub; Larry Helman; Dave Wakeman; Mollie O'Donnell; and Ellen Bowden

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

**Non-Voting Present:**

**Establish a quorum – Linda, Celeste and Susan out**

**2. Appoint Alternates: Barb, Ellen and Mollie**

- a. Approval of Minutes of June 20, 2018 (attachment) – Mr. Helman  
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Barb Giller made a motion to Approve - " Motion seconded by Sheila Straub. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Barb Giller, Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Dave Wakeman, Mollie O'Donnell, and Ellen Bowden.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Susan Quintenz, Celeste Williams, and Linda Zupnick.

- b. Announcements/Small Victories/Residents' Comments

Mr. Larry Helman pointed out how fabulous the tree canopy along Main street looks. He also noticed the "no parking" signs on the west side of Cassady between Fair and

Main are gone. The tree lawn in that area looks great!

The Tree Commission agrees on the incredible upgrade the window boxes brought to the building along S Drexel. They praised the Mayor and Kenny Brown for their hard work in getting those up.

1. Review of roster – Jordan Cavallaro (attachment)

The roster attached will be the official roster.

Tree Commission\_Roster

2. Follow-up on Charlie Flower, PH.D. – US Forest Service - Elena Andrews

Dr. Charlie Flower presented in front of the Tree Commission in January regarding research on the dutch elm tree canopy along Wolfe Park. Dr. Flower has not yet received clearance to begin the research project.

Dr. Flower has some tree species he may potentially be able to donate for the beautification in and around Schneider Park that could be part of the study.

He is also planning to plant 3 Elms 4 meters apart in the fall to research the urban tolerance. He has asked the City of Bexley if there is any interest and space. Ms. Elena Andrews will set up a meeting to get more information regarding the project and update the Commission.

a. Applications to be reviewed

1. 2121 Clifton Avenue – New Build

Ms. Andrews presented the staff review and comments. Ordinance 0916 governed the removal and replacement of the trees and the Commission will defer to Kathy Rose for comment. The Tree Commission is not reviewing the Ordinance, however, it is part of the overall plan. The plant material is appropriate for the site. Ms. Andrews commented on how she appreciates the plant clean plant palette matching the theme of the modern house currently being built.

Ms. Kathy Rose was referred to regarding the Ordinance explaining that once there is an approved landscape plan there can be a total caliper per inch that can be applied towards a fine or a donation of caliper inch.

2121 Clifton Ave\_Plant Legend (1)

2121 Clifton Ave\_Plant Legend (2)

2121 Clifton Ave Landscape Drawing 001

7-9-18 Revised\_Tree Commission Staff Review\_2121 Clifton Ave (1)

Jim Wilson made a motion to Approve - 'Plan as presented' Motion seconded by Sheila Straub. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Barb Giller, Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Dave Wakeman, Mollie O'Donnell, and Ellen Bowden.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Susan Quintenz, Celeste Williams, and Linda Zupnick.

### **Special circumstances as specified by BZAP**

b. Lyonsgate Entry West Side

Ms. Andrews updated the Commission regarding the project. A design and time frame is currently being discussed. Mr. Jim Wilson commented on Lyonsgate's plan to irrigate the area.

c. Gay Street Realty – Flower baskets at Main and Drexel, Kenny Brown, Manager, Gay Street Realty

d. Bexley Historical Society – Storybook marker at Drexel Circle

Ms. Andrews and Mayor Ben Kessler are still looking into making a more standardized sign for any future cases. The sign will be re-located closer to CSG on the southwest corner of Broad street.

f. Applications that have been approved and installed: Review installations; stamp and sign plans - Elena Andrews  
1. Harvest Pizza

Ms. Andrews will set up a meeting the new owners of Harvest Pizza. The landscape plans Zoes had submitted will be reviewed. If Harvest Pizza wishes to make any changes to the plan, they will need to go before the Tree Commission for approval.

g. Brassica

Ms. Andrews would like to go out to the site and make sure that everything is installed as per the approved plan.

### **3. New Business:**

a. Tree Preservation Plan needed: received Dublin's – Mr. Dorman

The Commission would like to research this topic further and continue the discussion in future meetings.

- b. Any needed revisions to Unified Planning Commission application as pertains to Tree Commission – Elena Andrews

Ms. Andrews is working with staff to update the Tree Commission application. The application will be completed by the next Tree Commission meeting in September.

- c. Ordinance for New Builds -- Updates from Mayor

Already spoke about new builds, made sure there were no further questions or comments before moving on.

- d. Rules and Regulations – Page 3 and Page 4 of ARB's R and R – Mayor Kessler

Made changes and updates to the Tree Commission's rule and regulations.

- e. Noxious/Invasive/Divisive – the case of running bamboo – Mayor Kessler

Mayor Ben Kessler- Tree Commission has reviewed Amended Ordinance 1718. Still has yet to be further amended because running bamboo is listed as a noxious vegetation or weed. The Mayor would like to break it into its own sub-category, "D" stating you can not allow it to spread and that you need to create confines. If bamboo is to be planted and is not confined then it will be a code violation.

Resident Nathan Hartman addressed the Tree Commission regarding the running bamboo he currently has on his property at 2596 E Livingston Ave.

Mayor Ben Kessler put into motion in support of adding non-confined running bamboo as a prohibited species.

Jim Wilson made a motion to Approve - 'In support of the concept of adding non-contained running bamboo as a prohibited plant species in similar to what is proposed by Amend Ordinance 1718.' Motion seconded by Larry Helman. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Barb Giller, Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Dave Wakeman, Mollie O'Donnell, and Ellen Bowden.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Susan Quintenz, Celeste Williams, and Linda Zupnick.

- f. Defining invasive and noxious weeds in the code – Bill Dorman

No discussion was held

- g. Other

A discussion was held regarding backyard trees.

1. Potential landscape design reviews:

a. 103 South Cassingham

b. Co-Go Bike installations; Bird; Lime Bikes

Co-Go is Columbus regional bike station. Bexley is joining the network. 4 docking locations are planned for Bexley Square Shopping Center, Capital's Athletic Center on Pleasant Ridge, Wes Banco next to Johnson's Ice Cream, Jeffrey property on Clifton.

c. Capital University Fountain Plantings

No discussion was held

d. Free Little Library – Susan has name of woodworker to call

2. Meeting with ODOT: re – On Ramp of I-70 West at Alum Creek

3. Noxious weed company spraying weeds along brick gutters

No discussion was held.

4. Other

A discussion was held regarding backyard trees in regards to renovations and new builds.

5. Old Business.

a. Initiating Havenwood Landscape Plan Study Group – Mayor Kessler

Mayor Ben Kessler has a draft for request for proposals. The next Jazz in the Park event will be held July 29.

b. Broad/Gould plan – BKJ/Dan Bier/MKSK? Mayor Kessler; Bill Dorman

Mayor Ben Kessler is going to set up a meeting in the near future.

c. Cassady North – City of Columbus partnership with Bexley? Mr. Dorman

No updates.

d. Landscape design plans on web site – Elena Andrews – August project

Ms. Andrews is working with staff to update the Tree Commission application, she also requested a few examples of previously approved landscape design be added to the website for referral.

e. Calming Circles – Elena Andrews to provide proposal to City

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6. Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.