



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 27, 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: Susan Quintenz; Larry Helman; Linda Zupnick; Sheila Straub; Dave Wakeman; and Mollie O'Donnell

Absent:

Excused: Celeste Williams; Jim Wilson; Barb Giller; and Ellen Bowden

Non-Voting Present:

1. Establish a quorum – Celeste, Jim, Barb and Ellen out
 2. Appoint Alternate - Mollie
- b. Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2019 (attached) – Mrs. Quintenz
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Sheila Straub made a motion to Table - 'the February 20, 2019 minutes.' Motion seconded by Dave Wakeman. **Vote 6 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Susan Quintenz, Larry Helman, Linda Zupnick, Sheila Straub, Dave Wakeman, and Mollie O'Donnell.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Celeste Williams, Jim Wilson, Barb Giller, and Ellen Bowden.

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

a. Professor Markham

Councilman Markham shared with the Tree Commission the evolution and origins of plants.

Phylogenetic tree of the plant kingdom

b. Other

2. **Applications to be reviewed –**

a. Reviewing Design concepts for Broad and Gould – Dan Bier, MKSK

Mr Dan Bier from MKSK presented the landscape for Broad and Gould gateway. Mr. Bier shared with the Tree Commission the edits of the landscape plan. The wrought iron fencing has been removed from the proposed plan, the commission felt it made the gateway look busy. The proposed Frans Fontaine trees will not be planted on the South side, there is not enough room for them. On the North and South side any proposed brick will not be installed.

For both the north and south side a limestone plinth and brick collars are both proposed for the bottom of the gateway. The columns will be raised and are proposed to be 7". The location of both existing "Bexley" signs are proposed to be raised so it remains symmetrical with the proposed raised column height. The weight of the columns will remain the same. Some new planting material will be planted inside the brick collar areas.

A discussion was held among the Tree Commission regarding the existing Sugar Maple on the south side. Mr. Grant Archer informed the Tree Commission that the Sugar Maple has about 7-8 years left. Mr. Larry Helman would like the tree to remain. He believes removing the tree will drastically change the look of the entrance leaving behind too much open space. Mr. Dave Wakeman suggested Oak trees be planted (with permission from the property owner) in front of the current Bexley House Apartments at 2877 to help balance that empty space if the Sugar Maple is removed.

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Larry Helman made a motion to Approve - 'the hardscape plan installations of higher columns, additional coping, additional limestone cap, limestone higher brick collar, limestone curbing, and the elevation of the "Bexley" plaque.' Motion seconded by Dave Wakeman. **Vote 6 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Susan Quintenz, Larry Helman, Linda Zupnick, Sheila Straub, Dave Wakeman, and Mollie O'Donnell.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Celeste Williams, Jim Wilson, Barb Giller, and Ellen Bowden.

Dave Wakeman made a motion to Approve - 'add Chinkapin Oak trees to the north property, install at least 2.5 inch caliper Horn beams - 4 on the north side and 2 on the south side. Removal of the Sugar Maple is pending a discussion and availability of the horn beams.' Motion seconded by Larry Helman. **Vote 6 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Susan Quintenz, Larry Helman, Linda Zupnick, Sheila Straub, Dave Wakeman, and Mollie O'Donnell.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Celeste Williams, Jim Wilson, Barb Giller, and Ellen Bowden.

b. Main Street Connector to Schneider Park Trail – Dan Bier, Mayor Kessler

Mr. Dan Bier from MKSK presented the Schneider Park Trail landscape plan. Mayor Kessler would like to begin the development of the trail and phase 1 of the project would include the trail head, the walkway to the stairwell, and the stairwell that goes down into the walking path. The walking path will be made from crushed limestone. A simple plaza would be installed with columns similar to the pump house park plaza to the west. As you enter the trail and go down the steps the trail would take you down towards the water. A 749 elevation must be maintained if there is any kind of proposed construction to ensure it stays above the flood plan. So there is no delay in the construction a more natural landscape barrier is proposed. A proposed boulder type retaining wall be in place leading up to the crushed limestone path, transitioning to the steps up to the south side of Main st.

Entry sections would be similar to the those at pump house park. The path will be underwater from time to time, the boardwalk that is currently in place will expand about 200ft to help avoid some flooding. Crushed limestone will then be put down at the end of the boardwalk and connect to the path near the proposed dog park.

Larry Helman made a motion to Approve - 'the concept and the drawings for the installations of Main street connector to the Schneider park Alum Creek path.' Motion seconded by Sheila Straub. **Vote 6 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Susan Quintenz, Larry Helman, Linda Zupnick, Sheila Straub, Dave Wakeman, and Mollie O'Donnell.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Celeste Williams, Jim Wilson, Barb Giller, and Ellen Bowden.

c. Historical Signage – Drexel Circle – Mayor Kessler, Elena Andrews

Ms. Elena Andrews and Mayor Kessler presented the plan for the Historical signage proposed at Drexel Circle. Mayor Kessler asked the Tree Commission for feedback on the placement of sign. The design of the sign is still in the planning process and will be finalized soon. There is currently an active grant request for the historical sign regarding the Bushnell Camp.

A discussion was held among the Tree Commission regarding the design of the sign. Some suggestions that were made include a smaller pad that surrounds the sign and to have two poles to support the sign instead of one. The discussion will continue next month.

Bexley Historic Sign Conceptual Site Plan 2-28-19 (1)Bexley Historic Sign Conceptual Site Plan 2-28-19**3. Mayor's Report:**a. Jeffrey Woods Festival Reviews

Jeffrey Woods Festival was successful. About 100 people showed up to participate throughout the day. The kid craft this year was a folding wallet.

b. City Council Ordinances:

1. Planting in the Right Of Way

Will discuss the issue at the April 17, 2019 meeting.

c. Arbor Day Plans – Mayor Kessler, Grant Archer

Arbor day is April 26. There will be an Arbor day breakfast at City Hall hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. A tree planting will held at 1:30pm at Montrose Elementary School. After the tree planting there will be a tree walk between Montrose and the library. After school, the library will host an event about animals who like trees. At Giuseppe's there will be a Maple Syrup happy hour starting at 5:00.

20 trees will be delivered to those residents who opted to receive one.

d. April Events – Green Day, Clean Up Day

The Greater Bexley clean-up day will be held on Saturday April 27. Drop-off will be located at Delmar Drive.

At 11:00 the Green Bexley Fair will begin. Youth Week of Service will also begin.

4. Staff Report: Elena Andrews, consulting Landscape Designera. updates

Beginning in April and May Ms. Elena Andrews will be on site reviewing landscape plans the Tree Commission had to approve.

5. Old Businessa. Arboretum Booklet Scope – Susan Quintenz for Jim Wilson

Will discuss the booklet at the April 17, 2019 meeting.

State of the Arboretum Report outline (2).

b. Other

Two new applications may be reviewed at the April 17, 2019 meeting. Blue Spot Yoga studio located at 496 N Cassady and a new build located at 280 S Columbia.

6. New Business:

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

Ms. Susan Quintenz wanted to set some priorities for 2019 that the Tree Commission should focus on for the year. A few suggestions were Drexel Circle and to update the landscape guidelines for Main Street.

- b. Committee Reports: MSG – Mollie, Larry and Susan

Will meet to discuss the goals for the Main St. guidelines.

7. Staff Reports:

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

1. Spring Projects

AEP should be done trimming the City trees. Within the next week or so Ash treatment will begin. He also has room along Broad street to plant 7 more trees.

2. Tree City USA Conference – April 18, 2019

Capital University and the City of Bexley will be hosting the Tree Campus USA Conference. Susan Quintenz will be speaking on behalf of the city.

- b. Troy Markham, City Council Liaison

Council member Troy Markham has been working with Humane Societies to update the Companion Animal law. The updates to the ordinance passed.

