



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
04:00 pm

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1. Convening the Meeting:

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

Roll Call:

Voting Members Present: Mollie O'Donnell; Ellen Bowden; Susan Quintenz; and Barb Giller

Absent:

Excused: Sheila Straub; Larry Helman; Jim Wilson; Dave Wakeman; Celeste Williams; and Linda Zupnick

Non-Voting Present:

1. Establish a quorum – Larry, Dave, Jim and Sheila out of town. All alternates appointed as voting members.

All alternates- Ms. Ellen Bowden, Ms. Mollie O'Donnell, and Ms. Barb Giller have been appointed as voting members.

Non-voting members present- Grant Archer, Kathy Rose, and Elena Andrews,

- b. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2019 – Mrs. Quintenz
DRAFT Tree and Public Gardens Commission 9-18-19

Mollie O'Donnell made a motion to Approve - 'the Minutes of September 18, 2019.' Motion seconded by Ellen Bowden. **Vote 4 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Mollie O'Donnell, Ellen Bowden, Susan Quintenz, and Barb Giller.

AGAINST: None.

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

c. Announcements/Small Victories/Residents' Comments

a. Pump House Park fence – Grant Archer

Grant confirmed fence at the Pump House park had been painted.

b. Bexley Community Foundation fall event – Mrs. Quintenz

Chair Susan Quintenz reminded the group of the Community Foundation's fall event to honor Ms. Barb Giller and her husband, recipients of the Corner Stone Award. The event will be held on October 17, 2019 at the Wells Barn at Franklin Park Conservatory at 6:15 pm.

c. Tree Protection

Chair Susan Quintenz will discuss the Tree Protection Plan next month.

2. Landscape Applications to be reviewed – Elena Andrews, Staff Consultant

a. 17 Stanbery Avenue

Ms. Elena Andrews presented her staff review before the Tree Commission. Invasive shrubs will be removed and re-planted with a row arborvitae which will be planted in City Right-of way. Mr. Andrew Sweet from Mid-Ohio Landscaping presented the landscape plan.

Mr. Andrew Sweet explained that the project will be a new arborvitae green fence along Broad Street. The existing honeysuckle and roots will be removed. No existing trees will be removed. Approximately 10-15 yards of new soil will be brought in to raise the bed and mulch it. The arborvitae will be pushed to the west to allow more visibility of the stone pillars and wing wall. Branches will be limbed up around the stone pillar and wing wall. The yard is irrigated but the homeowner has not yet turned it on.

Ms. Kathy Rose explained that the yard has unique setback because of the difference of Broad and Stanbery. Broad has a 2' setback behind the sidewalk and Stanbery has a 19' setback behind the sidewalk.

Mr. Andrew Sweet explained that the arborvitae have a 1-year warranty unless there is an over 40% loss.

Kumi overview Wed Oct 9 2019 15-12-56 (1)

Kumi walker update Wed Oct 9 2019 15-13-17

17 Stanbery - site plan Mon Sep 30 2019 13-07-39

Mollie O'Donnell made a motion to Approve - 'Project was approved with the following conditions: The plant material will be irrigated.

The plant material will shift west to expose the wing wall. The City of Bexley reserves the right to design and install plants in the right of way in the future to enhance the stone columns and wings walls which may impact some of the proposed plant material.' Motion seconded by Celeste Williams. **Vote 6 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Mollie O'Donnell, Ellen Bowden, Susan Quintenz, Barb Giller, Celeste Williams, and Linda Zupnick.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Jim Wilson, and Dave Wakeman.

Roll Call:

Voting Members Present: Mollie O'Donnell; Ellen Bowden; Susan Quintenz; Barb Giller; Celeste Williams; and Linda Zupnick

Absent:

Excused: Sheila Straub; Larry Helman; Jim Wilson; and Dave Wakeman

Non-Voting Present:

b. Jeffrey Mansion – Dan Bier, mksk

Mr. Dan Bier presented the landscape plan. Bexley Parks and Rec have been apart of the designing process, but the Tree Commission is the first to formally review the plan. A tree preservation is in place due to all the existing trees throughout the parks. Trees marked in black on the south parking lot are proposed to be removed because the trees are dead. The existing south drinking fountain and bike racks are proposed to be re-located.

Chair Ms. Susan Quintnez asked if there were standards to mitigate heat from the parking lot. Chair Ms. Susan Quintnez noted her concern that the lower parking lot did not have enough perimeter landscape to soften the edges.

Ms. Celeste Williams asked if there were any drainage issues with the woodland approach path. Mr. Dan Bier explained that EMHT did a storm water management plan but that there were not anticipated problems in that area particularly since the swale is located away from the path.

Ms. Mollie O'Donnell noted her concern with the 3:1 slope at the upper north terrace by the parking lot. She noted that a 4:1 slope was the City of Columbus standard for a grass slope for safety standards for mowing.

Ms. Celeste Williams noted that the evergreen screen by the neighbor at the upper north terrace might have more variety for educational purposes. Mr. Dan Bier explained that it was designed to have 100% coverage when installed per the neighbor's request. Ms. Elena Andrews noted that there might be other areas in Jeffrey Park or even Commonwealth and Havenwood to have a grove of a variety of evergreens for educational purposes that was more accessible.

Mr. Dan Bier explained that the project was not irrigated due to budget cuts. Discussion occurred about the City needing to be consistent to make irrigation a condition of approval for project.

2019.08.28 Jeffrey Mansion VIEW 1 COLOR

2019.08.29 Jeffrey Mansion VIEW 2 COLOR

Jeffrey Mansion Landscape Elevations

Jeffrey Mansion Renovation

Jeffrey Mansion Site Plan

TPGR Jeffrey Mansion Tree Commission Staff Review Revised 10-11-19

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Celeste Williams made a motion to Approve - 'Project was approved with the following Conditions: Adding irrigation to the north portion of the project around the Mansion.' Motion seconded by Mollie O'Donnell. **Vote 6 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Mollie O'Donnell, Ellen Bowden, Susan Quintenz, Barb Giller, Celeste Williams, and Linda Zupnick.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Jim Wilson, and Dave Wakeman.

c. Delmar Service garage Screening and Landscape - Elena Andrews

Ms.Elena Andrews presented the project.

Discussion occurred about whether the plant material should be irrigated. None of the plant material at the City service garages ups the street are irrigated. The project is an improvement to a vacant lot and is not very visible like Jeffrey Mansion. The City needs to be responsible for ensuring that the plant material survives and needs to replace it if it does not.

Ellen motioned to approve the project as presented. Barb second. Discussion regarding the irrigation occurred.

Service Lot at Delmar Design Revision 9-4-19 (1)

Service Lot at Delmar Tree Commission Staff Review Revised 10-11-19 (1)

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Ellen Bowden made a motion to Approve - 'the landscape plan as presented for Service lot.' Motion seconded by Celeste Williams. **Vote 0 - 5 - failed.**

FOR: None.

AGAINST: Ellen Bowden, Susan Quintenz, Barb Giller, Celeste Williams, and Linda Zupnick.

ABSENT: Mollie O'Donnell, Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Jim Wilson, and Dave Wakeman.

Celeste Williams made a motion to Approve - 'The landscape project for the Service Lot was approved with the following conditions by adding an irrigation system.' Motion seconded by Ellen Bowden. **Vote 2 - 2 - failed.**

FOR: Ellen Bowden, and Susan Quintenz.

AGAINST: Barb Giller, and Celeste Williams.

ABSENT: Mollie O'Donnell, Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Jim Wilson, Dave Wakeman, and Linda Zupnick.

Celeste Williams made a motion to Approve - 'Landscape plan as presented for the Service lot with the following conditions: That watering occurs as needed (ideally twice weekly) for two years as the plant material establishes. The water can occur either mechanically through irrigation or manually. Dead plant material will be replaced by the City of Bexley.' Motion seconded by Barb Giller. **Vote 4 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Ellen Bowden, Susan Quintenz, Barb Giller, and Celeste Williams.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Mollie O'Donnell, Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Jim Wilson, Dave Wakeman, and Linda Zupnick.

3. Mayor's Report: Ben Kessler, Mayor City of Bexley

a. Historic Preservation Committee – What could this mean for the Tree Commission?

Chair Susan Quintenz brought up the formation of a Historic Preservation Committee in the City of Bexley and noted that the Tree Commission might want to get involved. There are many areas of overlapping interest such as the brick streets and burbs, stone pillars, wrought iron fences, heritage trees and old stone walls.

b. Catalogue and Inventory approved landscape plans – Mayor Kessler Tree Commission Project List (3)

c. Havenwood Planning Group

d. CoGo Bike planting installation on Clifton

4. Staff Report: Elena Andrews, consulting Landscape Designer

a. Installations reviewed and approved –

Ms. Elena Andrews noted that Ms. Jordan Cavallaro has been digitally adding all of the Tree Commission projects into ViewPoint and giving them application numbers. All future projects will be assigned application numbers in order to be tracked in the system.

Tree Commission Project List (3)

b. Other

5. City Forester Report – Grant Archer, Arborist

a. Tree Removals at Capital

Ash trees were removed along the east side of College Ave. The trees acted as a screen for the parking lot. Capital plans on planting Elm Trees in place of the Ash trees that were removed. The Tree Commission requested an update on how many trees will be planted, variety, size, timeline, and if there are any guarantees. Ms. Elena Andrews will update the Tree Commission when she hears back from Capital.

b. Flower baskets Longevity; new flower containers at Drexel and Main

Mr. Grant Archer provided an update regarding the flower baskets. The baskets along Main st pulled once the flowers begin to die. The baskets in the City Hall parking lot, along Drexel, and the North Cassady and the bridges continue to be watered until they die and then the flowers are removed. The employee watering the flower basket is seasonal and the hours are cut back once the weather changes. Mayor Kessler would like to see the flower baskets last longer and the goal for next year is to try and make that happen.

c. 2019 Tree Planting List

Next week Yard Barbers will begin planting trees in the south end. Ninety-two (92) trees will be planted throughout the City.

d. Bids for installation of gateways at Broad and Gould

Bid installations for Broad and Gould have been reviewed. Due to cost, they are going to stick to the original plan. Chair Susan Quintenz noted that Mr. Grant Archer will be meeting with Ed Young from Yard Barbers to talk about maintenance for various areas throughout the city.

A discussion was held regarding the sugar maple tree on the North side of Broad. There are issues with the tree due to the fact it is an older sugar maple, however, the issues are not severe enough to remove the tree. Mr. Grant Archer believes the tree has about seven (7) or more years left.

According to the approved plan the horn beams that will be planted need to be three (3) caliper inch. The trees that are currently available for planting are not three (3) caliper inch but one and half (1.5) inch horn beams. Two and half (2.5) inch horn beams are not available and the Tree Commission will have to vote on getting rid of the sugar maple.

Ellen Bowden made a motion to Approve - 'To remove the Sugar Maple and install one and three quarter inch (1 3/4") Horn Beams. The Horn Beams are the new centerpiece at the Broad and Gould gateway.' Motion seconded by Celeste Williams. **Vote 4 - 1 - passed.**

FOR: Ellen Bowden, Susan Quintenz, Barb Giller, and Celeste Williams.

AGAINST: Mollie O'Donnell.

ABSTAIN: Linda Zupnick.

ABSENT: Sheila Straub, Larry Helman, Jim Wilson, and Dave Wakeman.

e. Other

Mr. Grant Archer noted that he added an area for resident's comments on the Sweet Gum removal application. This was in response to the application from the September 18, 2019 meeting that was denied by the Tree Commission. The applicant did not feel he was able to explain his request adequately.

6. Old Business:

a. City of Columbus/City of Bexley – collaboration of installation north of Cassidy RR tracks and South of Fifth Avenue – Mayor Kessler

Chair Susan Quintenz noted that the Bexley Community Foundation approved a grant for \$16,000 for design fees for the Cassidy Ave north of the railroad tracks to help provide suggestions to the City of Columbus for the improvements. No one present is sure of the status of that project.

b. Gould road repaving and Calming Circles – Mayor Kessler

No update was provided.

c. Commission Members Reports

No discussion was held.

1. Other

Mr Grant Archer informed the Tree Commission that all the brick curbs and right of way areas are all done in house by the Street department. The department picks a few locations each year to try and maintain those bricks. If a contractor is

doing work in an area with a brick curb or brick street a standard speck sheet is provided.

7. New Business;

a. Landscaping around Stanbery Columns at Broad Street

The Tree Commission will continue the discussion regarding the landscaping around the columns at Stanbery once the Arborvitae have been installed.

b. Protecting and displaying our brick curb and gutters – Mrs. Quintenz

Chair Quintenz would the Historical Preservation Committee to considered adding the brick curbs and gutters as a topic of preservation.

c. Other

8. Adjourn: