



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
04:00 pm

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1. Review of agenda flow:

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

1. Establish a quorum – Larry and Celeste out. Appoint alternates.

Chair Quintenz assigned Ms. Mollie O'Donnell, Ellen Bowden and Barb Giller as alternates. If Dave Wakeman arrives she asked Ms. Barb Giller to step back.

Roll Call:

Voting Members Present: Mollie O'Donnell; Jim Wilson; Sheila Straub; Susan Quintenz; Ellen Bowden; and Linda Zupnick

Absent:

Excused: Dave Wakeman

Non-Voting Present: Barb Giller

Others Present: Grant Archer, Bill Dorman, Mayor Kessler, Elena Andrews, Troy Markham, Jordan Cavallaro

b. Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2019 – Mrs. Quintenz

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Jim Wilson made a motion to Approve - 'the minutes of 5-15-19 as written.' Motion seconded by Linda Zupnick. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Mollie O'Donnell, Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Susan Quintenz, Ellen Bowden, Barb Giller, and Linda Zupnick.

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Larry Helman, Celeste Williams, and Dave Wakeman.

c. Announcements/Small Victories/Residents' Comments

Bexley in Bloom has raised almost \$12,000.00.

Mr. Jim Wilson would like to thank whomever marked the Sweet Gum Tree with the arboretum designation on the tree lawn near his home.

a. Professor Markham – Tree Rings

Council member Troy Markham explained tree rings to the Tree Commission.

Tree Ring 1

Tree Ring

b. Other

The north side of Broad Street is looking great!

2. Applications to be reviewed –

No applications to be reviewed.

a. None today

3. Mayor's Report:

a. Havenwood Landscape Planning Study Group

A consultant was selected for the Havenwood Landscape study group. Spruce Designs will assist with the project. The goal is to begin in August. Ms. Sheila Straub is the Tree Commission member liaison for the Havenwood Park study group. Ms. Straub is excited to participate and represent.

b. City Council Ordinances:

1. Planting in the Right Of Way

A meeting will be set up with Council member Troy Markham and Mayor Kessler to discuss the Ordinance about planting in the right of way. The goal is to bring the Ordinance to council in August 2019.

c. Other

The Fourth of July parade route has a slight change this year. The section of the parade that goes up Pleasant Ridge will instead go North Euclaire to Main Street then it will take a right onto Dawson. The parade route will also have a Main Street interface this

year. Main Street will shut down during the parade to keep the parade moving. Officials will also attempt to shut down sections of Broad street in order to keep the parade moving.

First Jazz in the Park was a success. The Main in event in May had one of the largest turn outs so far.

4. Staff Report: Elena Andrews, consulting Landscape Designer

a. Installations reviewed and approved -

Staff consultant Ms. Elena Andrews reviewed some installations of projects based on the approved landscape plan. Moo Moo Car Wash had proposed six (6) trees to be planted. Three (3) trees were missing and two (2) of the three (3) trees currently planted are dead. Ms. Andrews notified Moo Moo, and they are working to fix the landscape issues. Ms. Andrews will follow-up in a few months.

Five (5) Landscapes were approved, and the pending applications will be reviewed within the next few months.

A discussion was held regarding the landscaping of some of the commercial properties within the City of Bexley. Mayor Kessler wanted to discuss right of way maintenance: should the City be more proactive about the landscaping within the City right of way. Mr. Bill Dorman recently spoke with Mr. Grant Archer about the issue, and they are working on a plan to maintain the area in the right of ways.

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5. Old Business

a. North Cassady project/City of Columbus/Bexley interface – Bill Dorman

Mr. Bill Dorman provided an update regarding North Cassady and 5th Avenue project. Columbus is about 90% done with the engineering design drawings for North Cassady North of the railroad tracks. The drawings include a curb, sidewalks, and bike path along the west side of the street. Columbus has yet to budget for any aesthetic design. Bexley has proposed to assist with landscape design from 5th Avenue up to the Rail road tracks. The goal for the project is 2022. A grant request was submitted for a design consultant to look at the gateway and help with a design for the area.

Roll Call:

Voting Members Present: Mollie O'Donnell; Jim Wilson; Sheila Straub; Susan Quintenz; Ellen Bowden; Linda Zupnick; and Dave Wakeman

Absent:

Excused:

Non-Voting Present: Barb Giller

Excused: Larry Helman, Celeste Williams

b. Arboretum Booklet Scope – Jim Wilson – What's your favorite tree?

Mr. Jim Wilson is still looking for ideas for "favorite city tree." Chairman Quintenz suggested putting the question in the Bexley Blast to get community input for the booklet. Mr. Jim Wilson's goal is to draft the booklet and have a mock up ready in September. A discussion was held about how many trees are in the City of Bexley including private and city property.

c. Commission Members Report:

1. Drexel Circle – Dave Wakeman

Mr. Dave Wakeman provided an update regarding Drexel Circle. He met on site with Barb Giller, Jim Budros, Paige Crane and Julie Eickenberry. They discussed what the circle is now and the future goals for the area. They also discussed the spring flower planting, for example, instead of planting daffodils plant pansies. Another meeting will be set up to continue the discussion.

2. Main Street Guidelines – Larry Helman and Mollie O'Donnell

Ms. Mollie O'Donnell provided an update regarding the Main Street guidelines. The current guidelines are 20 years old and are lacking a coherent goal and vision. The process regarding the reviews need to be more clear and flexible for applicants as well as board members. Mr. Larry Helman and Ms. Mollie O'Donnell meet with Code Enforcement, Mayor Kessler, ARB, Bob Behal and others to discuss the guidelines. An update in September will be provided as the process to improve the Main Street guidelines continues.

3. Other

d. CoGo Bike share Landscape Plan – Clifton – Bexley parks and Rec approval

Chair Quintenz pointed out that when the Tree Commission approved the landscape design for the CoGo bike share they failed to gather input from the Bexley Parks and Recreation Board since the landscaping will take place on Jeffrey Mansion. Mr. Bill Dorman informed the Tree Commission that Mike Price will provide the Bexley Parks and Recreation Board an update on the landscape plan the Tree Commission recommended and approved for the CoGo area.

e. Free Little Libraries updates – Susan Quintenz

Chair Quintenz provided an update regarding the Little Free Libraries. The Bexley Public Library keeps and issues all the documentation for the Little Free Libraries. They only monitor the placement of the libraries, making sure there are not multiple libraries on the same street. The library will also provide a spec. sheet that explains the height and size requirements, as well as, placement of the libraries.

f. Sweet Gum Removal Requests: 2658 Bryden and 680 Vernon – Grant Archer

Three (3) applications have come forward requesting removal of trees in the city right

of way. The application request allows five (5) Sweet Gum or Bradford Pear trees a year and only one per block can be removed in a three (3) year period.

2658 Bryden - The tree requesting for removal is a Sweet Gum Tree. Mr. Archer informed the Tree Commission that the tree is healthy and the City is willing to take the necessary steps to fix any damage the tree has done to the sidewalk.

680 Vernon- The tree requesting for removal is a Sweet Gum Tree. Mr. Archer informed the Tree Commission that the tree is healthy and the City is willing to take the necessary steps to fix any damage the tree has done to the sidewalk.

845 S Cassingham- The tree requesting for removal is a Shingle Oak tree. The leaves stay on too long, the tree species is too large for the tree lawn. The tree is about 10 inches in diameter. The Shingle Oak is the street tree for S Cassingham. Mr. Archer informed the Tree Commission that the tree is healthy and the City is willing to take the necessary steps to fix any damage the tree has done to the sidewalk.

Ms. Elena Andrews wanted to discuss the removal form and what the Tree Commission's role is when the forms come before the Commission. Is there a need for the Tree Commission to approve the removal of the trees or can the request go through staff approval if it meets?

Removal form

Jim Wilson made a motion to Approve - 'to deny the request to remove the Shingle Oak at 845 S Cassingham.' Motion seconded by Sheila Straub. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Mollie O'Donnell, Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Susan Quintenz, Ellen Bowden, Linda Zupnick, and Dave Wakeman.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAIN: Barb Giller.

Sheila Straub made a motion to Approve - 'to deny the request to remove the Sweet Gum tree at 680 Vernon.' Motion seconded by Dave Wakeman. **Vote 1 - 2 - failed.**

FOR: Sheila Straub.

AGAINST: Jim Wilson, and Linda Zupnick.

ABSTAIN: Mollie O'Donnell, Susan Quintenz, Ellen Bowden, Barb Giller, and Dave Wakeman.

Jim Wilson made a motion to Approve - 'the request to remove the Sweet Gum Trees at 680 Vernon and 2658 Bryden.' Motion seconded by Linda Zupnick. **Vote 2 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Jim Wilson, and Linda Zupnick.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAIN: Mollie O'Donnell, Sheila Straub, Susan Quintenz, Ellen Bowden, Barb Giller, and Dave Wakeman.

g. Other

6. New Business;

a. Approval of Main/Drexel planter design

Mayor Kessler presented the new planter designs to be placed along E Main Street and Drexel Ave. The current planters that are along E Main will be moved to N Cassady. Or the goal for the proposed planters along E Main street and Drexel is to bring some uniformity to E Main and to match the existing black streetscapes elements that are currently in place. The planters are made out of a light weight concrete that have seasonal durability and frost resistant. A discussion was held about the design and style of the planters.

Pertosa Rectangular Planter

Sarno Round Planter

Ellen Bowden made a motion to Approve - 'the planters as presented.

' Motion seconded by Linda Zupnick. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

FOR: Mollie O'Donnell, Jim Wilson, Sheila Straub, Susan Quintenz, Ellen Bowden, Linda Zupnick, and Dave Wakeman.

AGAINST: None.

ABSTAIN: Barb Giller.

b. Bexley Beautification Fund grant requests -

The next topic of discussion will be the grant requests which include an irrigation system at the central Bexley end caps; lighting for the entry columns at Livingston and College and Cassady and Delmar; and the planting material for the planters along E Main.

1. Irrigation of Central Bexley endcaps
2. Uplighting for entry columns at Livingston/College and Cassady/Delmar'
3. Plant material for new pots on Main Street

7. **Staff Reports:**

a. Bill Dorman, Service Director, City of Bexley

Mr. Bill Dorman provided a Council update to the Tree Commission. The planting in front of City Hall matches the plantings at Drexel Circle. Westland Gateway on the North has been cleaned-up. The ivy has been cut back, edging and mulching will be placed. The dying boxwoods have all been replaced. The opposite side of the street has had a few issues because of the overgrown honeysuckle and a privately owned

irrigation system. The city has made multiple attempts to communicate with hold of the homeowner so they can work together to solve the on-going issues. The Nelson and Broad gateway on the north side had some plant material added to the area. A board walk along Alum Creek trail was also built in the spring. 124 flower baskets have been arranged and hung throughout the city.

T&PGC Council Update (6.19.19) Final

1. Calming Circles

The service department reached out to Columbus regarding the street paving along Gould. The city hopes to have Gould re-paved next year. After the 4th of July street repairs will begin throughout the city. Roosevelt from E Main to E Livingston will be re-done. A web page specify geared towards street projects is currently being developed. Residents will be able to refer to the website for weekly updates.

2. Broad and Gould Construction drawings and next steps

A discussion was held regarding the Broad and Gould construction drawings. The brick collar for the Broad and Gould gateway will have a 45 degree angle collar. The one currently in place along Main is flat horizontal collar. The Tree Commission decided to have the gateway installed per the approved plan. The goal to begin construction on the gateway is September or October.

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3. Broad Street Medians

4. Gateways

b. Troy Markham – City Council Liaison

City Council has passed the Single use Plastic Bag Ordinance.

c. Grant Archer – City Forester

Mr. Grant Archer had no new updates. Mr. Bill Dorman covered the material Mr. Archer was going to discuss.

The next Tree and Public Garden meeting will be held Wednesday July 17, 2019 4:00-6:00.

