



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 17, 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 – Celeste, Jim and Larry out; Barb, Ellen and Mollie to be appointed as alternates.

Barb Giller, Ellen Bowden and Mollie O'Donnell to be appointed as voting alternates.

**Roll Call:**

**Voting Members Present:** Sheila Straub; Mollie O'Donnell; Linda Zupnick; Susan Quintenz; Ellen Bowden; and Barb Giller

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Dave Wakeman; Celeste Williams; Jim Wilson; and Larry Helman

**Non-Voting Present:**

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

b. Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2019 – Mrs. Quintenz

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Mollie O'Donnell made a motion to Approve - 'the Minutes of June 19, 2019 as written.' Motion seconded by Linda Zupnick. **Vote 6 - 0 - passed.**

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

AGAINST: None.

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

c. Announcements/Small Victories/Residents' Comments

Ms. Barb Giller provided an updated about the Bexley in Bloom donations. So far, about \$12,000.00 has been raised. There are two (2) fewer donations and about \$1,500.00 less than last year. Two (2) letters have been sent out requesting donations.

Chair Quintenz shared some of the progress the City has made since the 2011 American Bloom Evolution. Some suggestions included adding a Bed and Breakfast or small hotel within City limits. The Bexley Bed and Breakfast has been here for about 5 years now!

a. Welcome David Robinson, Worthington City Council

Chair Quintenz welcomed David Robinson to the meeting - a member of Worthington's City Council and his colleague Art.

b. One Trillion additional planted trees will reverse climate change!

Chair Quintenz shared with the Tree Commission a report, "How to Fight Climate Change with a Trillion Trees." A study took place estimating 1 trillion trees can take in 750 billion tons of carbon dioxide. Trees remove more carbon in the air when they are younger. The place that can best get rid of the most carbon is in the tropics closer to the equator.

c. Drexel Circle

Drexel Circle is looking great! Chair Quintenz has heard so many good things regarding the area.

d. Costco curb

Chair Quintenz shared a photo of the curbs at Costco because she liked how wide the curb is. It is wide enough to walk on without damaging any planting material in the beds.

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e. Race Track

The median on Fair Ave is being used as a race track over the Fourth of July Holiday!

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2. Applications to be reviewed –

Ms. Elena Andrews wanted to brief the Tree Commission about a landscape plan that will be coming to board in the near future. St. Charles Preparatory School has submitted plans to add an additional parking lot on the East side of the school. The plan will be presented to the Board of Zoning and Planning before it will go before the Tree Commission.

a. Timeline for approved projects --

Mayor Kessler shared with the Tree Commission a timeline for permits. They need to progress within six (6) months after a permit has been issued. If it has lapsed then the applicant will need to re-apply.

Mr. Bill Dorman provided an update regarding the Bexley Public Library parking lot and landscaping. The Library will install the fence first; once that has been installed they will install the rest of the planting per the landscape plan in the Fall. The goal is to have the project done by the Fall season.

5. **Old Business:**

a. Reviewing gateway installation design at Broad and Gould – Dan Bier, mksk

Mr. Dan Bier from MKSK presented the landscape plan for the gateway at Broad and Gould. While in the final stages of the design review a few minor details are being presented to the board that will slightly change the look of the gateway. The minor changes to the design will affect the limestone curb and brick collar on both the north and south sides. The proposed brick collar will lay flat and be the first design element, instead of the 45 degree angle that was previously approved. The limestone collar will be the second design element, instead of the first design element. The larger column will remain the same size and will not be raised the approved seven (7) inches. Repairs will be made to the column. The small column will be raised about six (6) inches and will have a three (3) limestone cap.

A discussion was held regarding the maintenance, installations and safety of the new proposed design.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Celeste Williams; Jim Wilson; and Larry Helman

**Non-Voting Present:**

Ellen Bowden made a motion to Approve - 'the plan as presented- the brick collar will be the exterior and lay flat, the interior will be the limestone collar, the large column will be cleaned up and repaired. A limestone cap will be added to the wall and smaller column. The planting material includes four (4) hornbeams on the north and two (2) hornbeams on the south side.' Motion seconded by Dave Wakeman. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

**FOR:** Sheila Straub, Mollie O'Donnell, Linda Zupnick, Susan Quintenz, Ellen Bowden, Barb Giller, and Dave Wakeman.

**AGAINST:** None.

ABSENT: Celeste Williams, Jim Wilson, and Larry Helman.

b. How trees affect value of home properties – Sheila Straub

Ms. Sheila Straub shared with the Tree Commission how trees and landscaping can improve the value of your home by 6%-11%. The National Association of Realtors report that landscaping efforts and a well maintained yard are good investments and can yield a higher price and quicker sale. Trees can save 15%-35% on energy cost, depending on the positioning of the trees.

home value

c. Arboretum Booklet - What's your favorite tree? Question in Bexley Blast

Chair Quintenz shared with the Commission that "What is your favorite tree?" will be a question posted in the Bexley Blast.

d. Commission Members Reports:

1. Update recommended street trees by street

Mr Grant Archer and M. Linda Zupnick will work together in getting an updated list of the street trees by street.

2. Free Little Libraries updates – Susan Quintenz

Chair Quintenz provided an update regarding the Free Little Libraries stating that Friends of the Library will be stocking the Free Little Libraries on public property. There are currently five (5) Free Little Libraries placed throughout the city.

**3. Mayor's Report:**

a. City Council Ordinances:

1. Planting in the Right Of Way.

b. Catalogue and Inventory approved landscape plans – Mayor and Bill

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

a. Installations reviewed and approved –

Ms. Elena Andrews provided an update regarding some of the landscape plans. The Cassingham playground has been installed, Sheridan screening has been installed, Lyonsgate entry has been installed, and 1 Lyonsgate has been installed. Ms. Andrews plans to review the installations of these landscapes later this month.

Blue spot yoga has started construction and Ohio State Bank has started construction.

b. Drexel Pocket Park – grant application

The Denise and Barry Blank fund provided by the Bexley Community Foundation is willing to fund a grant for \$5,000.00 for improvements and the design of the Drexel pocket park.

6. **New Business:**

a. Election of Chair/Vice chair of Tree Commission – Susan Quintenz

Ms. Sheila Straub nominated Ms. Susan Quintenz to be the Chair and Mr. Larry Helman as Vice Chair of the Tree and Public Garden Commission for the 2019 year.

Sheila Straub made a motion to Approve - 'Ms. Susan Quintenz to be the Chair and Mr. Larry Helman as Vice Chair of the Tree and Public Garden Commission for the 2019 year.' Motion seconded by Linda Zupnick. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

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

AGAINST: None.

b. Other

7. **Staff Reports:**

a. Bill Dorman, Service Director, City of Bexley

Mr Bill Dorman provided an update regarding the work taking place throughout the city. The approaches on the South side of Drexel Ave are currently being re-constructed. Westland alley brick curb and approach will be removed and replaced. Roosevelt Ave has been repaired.

A landscape design which includes a micro pool located on the north side of the Police Station will be drafted. The South Community Garden landscape plan will be drafted, the design elements will be similar to the North Community Garden. The goal for Commonwealth Park is to have the areas of the park closed for a season in order to let the grass grow.

1. Other

The flower baskets in front of Ohio State Bank were taken down due to the construction.

Temporary art murals were hung around Main Street.

2. Pump House Park

Mr. Bill Dorman provided an update regarding Pump House Park. There is a meeting next week with the city of Columbus to discuss Pump House Park and the condition of the area.

b. Grant Archer – City Forester

1. Tree Take Down List

Mr. Grant Archer shared with the Tree Commission the tree removal list for 2019. Thirty (30) Maples, eight (8) Ash, and twenty-two (22) other types of tree will be removed. A total of sixty (60) trees are to be removed. The Columbus Dispatch published an article about Sudden Oak death. Mr. Bill Dorman encouraged the Tree Commission members to read up on it. Mr. Grant Archer highly recommends that Oak trees are pruned and trimmed during the winter season.

All removals will begin in November. A letter will be sent to residents letting them know a tree in front of their properties will be removed.

Sheila Straub made a motion to Approve - 'the 2019 tree removal list.' Motion seconded by Barb Giller. **Vote 7 - 0 - passed.**

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

AGAINST: None.

ABSENT: Celeste Williams, Jim Wilson, and Larry Helman.

2. Tree planting list—

The 2018 removal list will be used as the tree planting list. Some of the underground utility, signage, and crosswalks can prevent a new tree from being re-planted. Trees planted in the city right of way are two (2) inch calipers.

3. Thank you for removing the declining River Birch at Gould and Broad