

Village of Richfield Tree and Landscape Commission

Minutes – Meeting of January 30, 2019

Present: Lois Czekaj, Dale Rogers, Polly Wheeler, Theresa Kovak, Gary Domanick

Ex-officio: Mayor Beshara, Chris Papp, Ruth Jocek

Guests: Sherri and George Nehrenz

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm

Review of October 15, 2018 minutes tabled until next meeting.

Old Business

- 1) Adopt-a-Spot beautification project
  - a) Sherri discussed how the program has worked for 30 years in Cuyahoga Falls. She is in charge of the program there.
  - b) The signs are on 4x4" posts of recycled lumber. These must be 6' long so they can be sunk below the frost line. The posts cost Cuy. Falls \$91.20 per post for 10.
  - c) Signs are two-piece: 12"wx7"hx3/4"th and 12"wx10"hx3/4"th with stick-on letters that can be changed each year depending upon participation.
  - d) Discussion of how CF program works
    - a. Sponsors vs. Maintainers
    - b. Watering
    - c. Timeline – all planting done before Memorial Day
    - d. Sizes of plots vary
    - e. Plant selection
    - f. Sources of plants – Sherri purchases for \$10.75/flat of 4" pots
    - g. Signs
    - h. Forms to be filled out by participants
  - e) Send out a letter to all businesses
  - f) Plant swap once a year in May between stewards (Maintainers)
  - g) Fall thank you program for stewards: receive a mum and a certificate (with a photo background). Takes place on a September evening with desserts and raffle prizes. Mayor is present.
  - h) The Richfield Adopt-A-Spot lunch will take place on March 14, 2019 for confirmed business sponsors.
- 2) Arbor Day
  - a) April 27, 2019 is the date.
  - b) No update from Walt, except that the trees have been ordered.

New Business

- 1) Northcoast Urban Forestry Conference will take place on March 8, 2019
  - a. 8:30am – 2:30pm
  - b. Lakeland Community College in Kirtland
- 2) It was mentioned that Mr. Doug Wenger had sent a letter questioning our Tree & Landscape agendas and the timeliness of posting them. Rules have been followed regarding agendas.

Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by Polly Wheeler