

Tree and Landscape Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 20, 2023

Call to Order: Ralph Waszak called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Ralph Waszak, Sheila Schreiner, Diane Nagy, Steven, Hoffman, **Absent,** Jason Whittle
Others Present: Mayor Michael Wheeler

Approval of Minutes: Sheila Schreiner made the 1st motion for approval, Steve Hoffman seconded the motion. Approved by all board members in attendance.

Old Business

- **Adopt a Spot**

- Adopt a spots are pretty well set up for summer 2023. Laura and Ralph have just a few more people to reach out to for cooperate sponsors and stewards. Signs will be at each locations with the name of the sponsor and the steward to give them a little advertising/notice.
- Sheila Schreiner mentioned that Gary Dominic offered to help make calls for the program if help was needed.
- It was mentioned that we look into getting more spots planted with some perennials, but selection of perennials is not as large as the selection of annuls at Constantine's Garden Center. Diane Nagy asked if anyone ever considered reaching out to the garden club to see if any members had some perennials that needed a new home. Mayor Wheeler asked if the perennials would be donated from the Garden Club or purchased. Nagy replied, either is an option they may want to donate or ask for a small fee to help their organizations finances for future projects. Everyone agreed that working with Constantine's for this project is a great thing for the program.
- All spots need to be planted by Memorial Day weekend

- **Project Pride**

- Everything is ready to go. Tress are in and all marked for Saturday. Thanks to the Service Department for all of their work for this community event.
- Volunteers need to show up at 8 am and park in the Senior Center parking lot

- **Landscaping Plan next to Randy Shero's Property**

- Plan is complete and bidding on the project will start soon. Ralph Waszak asked that a copy be available for the Tree and Landscape Commission to review. Wasn't possible for this meeting but will be available soon for us.
- Mayor mentioned that Randy's biggest concern isn't the noise but the light from the additional traffic the Brewery is going to bring.
- Nagy mentioned that the house across the street is really affected by light from the traffic as the lights shine right into their house. Mayor Wheeler said he has spoken and meet with the home owner Sue Tedesco and she is upset about the light, but isn't interested in landscaping that would block her view. Mayor Wheeler said he suggested to council that traffic on Library Drive be one way. In from Broadview Rd and out to Grant Street. Some members like this some don't. Many feel it would be hard to enforce. This is an issue that will need further consideration.

New Business

- **Other**

- Ralph Waszak asked about the sanitary sewer project taking place on Brecksville Rd. Mayor Wheeler said pump 2 is being relocated and about 1.7 mile of pipes are being replaced.
- Ralph Waszak said as part of the strategic planning process Rob Morgan, consultant, on the pan asked for photos of things that council liked about Richfield and things that needed improvement. One area identified by Ralph Waszak is the old Speedway property on the corner of Boston Mills Road and Brecksville Rd. He suggested that after the Sewer project is completed this could be an arear we focus on sprucing up.
- Ralph Waszak also shared that the preliminary plan for the town green is going to have some sort of focal point a building, bandstand or clock something to dress up the center of town.
- Mayor Wheeler strongly encouraged everyone to attend the strategic plan meeting on May 31 in Council Chambers at 6 pm.

Next Meeting May 18

Meeting Adjourned at 6:33

Motion made by Sheila Schreiner motion seconded by Diane Nagy

Minutes submitted by Diane Nagy


Ralph Waszak, Sr.
CHAIR