



## Tree Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 4, 2022 @ 5:30PM

**Location:** Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Call to Order** – *Chairman Stemmler was not present. Nancy Miller called the group to order.*

*Present: Mayor Clement, David Pracht, Matthew Broderick, John Dodge, Karen Zelle, Nancy Miller, Sarah Sharp, Stephanie Hardesty, Mark Halpin (Chairman Stemmler arrived a few minutes late).*

**Approve Minutes from July 12, 2022, Tree Advisory Board Meeting - Approved**

### Old Business

1. Right-of-Way Ash Tree Removal – P & Z Staff

*Code Enforcement Officer John Plowman has been sending out ash tree notifications informing residents that their ash trees must be either treated or removed. This has resulted in 62 treated, 42 removed, 44 pruned, and no current court cases. Court summons will be issued for 7 residents this week if there is no compliance. There are roughly 50 more dead or dying ash trees that still need to have violations written.*

2. 2023 TRIM & Community Conservation Cost Share Grant Application(s)- Dave Pracht & Mark Halpin

- a. *La Bonne Pkwy Bradford Pears Removal & Replacement - this project is still in the exploratory phase. The neighborhood is being surveyed by the HOA for approval, as they will need to fund the replacement of the trees, and this will require consensus on the project.*
- b. *Hwy 141 & Old Meramec Station Rd. MODOT property - invasive species around bridge*  
Mark Halpin & Dave Pracht - *This project is also still in the exploratory phase.*
- c. *Other possibilities - Mark Halpin discussed possible woodland restoration projects at Schroeder Park and streambank restoration at Stoecker park.*

*Mayor Clement asked Mark Halpin if the grants were submitted; Mark confirmed that they have been, and MDC can be flexible if changes need to be made to the projects.*

*Mayor Clement also mentioned that Stoecker park is due for renovation soon and new projects*

### New Business

1. Tree City USA & Growth Awards Application– Mark Halpin

*2021 Awarded and 2022 Application submittal is in progress; Mark Halpin confirmed that the City is well placed to receive a Growth Award for 2022 as well.*

2. Fall Residential Limb Chipping Program – Dave Pracht  
Ward 1: Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> / Ward 2: Oct 10<sup>th</sup> / Ward 3: Oct 17<sup>th</sup>  
*The program started yesterday on the first Monday of the month - piles up to 30' length, 4' high, branches 12' and under with a 12" diameter limit are accepted.*
3. 2022 Parks Department Arbor and Horticulture related Classes Report – Parks Staff
  - a. *What's the Buzz about Natives, Create your Native Space Class, Tree Walks, Other*  
*175 volunteers participated in the Clean Stream event, 9 people for Create your Native Space Class, 9 for the tree walk, none for What's the Buzz about Natives. There are 2 upcoming sustainability classes in October and November.*
4. Honeysuckle Hack – Schroeder & Stoecker Park (Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) – Parks Staff  
*12 people are currently registered.*  
Arbor Day Update - *Parks staff can't order seedlings yet but will do so ASAP.*  
*Mayor Clement asked if we had resources to accommodate the large number of Clean Stream volunteers and it was confirmed that we do.*
5. Other Topics - *Dave Pracht mentions that the City of Manchester has a sustainability calendar on website and discussed some events on the calendar - 7,000 pounds of paper were shredded in document shredding events, 397 boxes of canned goods were collected, \$705.00 was also donated.*

*Matthew mentions issues he has encountered with the disc golf course at Schroeder park - compacted soils, trampled grounds, and lack of spring ephemerals and understory growth in the forested areas. A discussion ensued about the popularity of the game and its importance for the parks department. Strategies for mitigating damage (interpretive signage, designated trails, etc. were discussed).*

6. Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule Dates – *all on Tuesdays via Zoom*
  - a. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> / Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> / Jul. 11<sup>th</sup> / Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - b. Is 5:30 pm still a good time?

*In the resulting discussion it was decided that the January 3<sup>rd</sup> date needs to be changed for the holiday, and that the meeting is moved to 10th. Discussion on the timing of the meeting ensued, the consensus was that 6pm is okay. Mayor Clement confirmed that 6 pm will be the time for future meetings. Stemmler moves to adjourn; meeting adjourned.*

## **Adjournment**