



SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Board Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2020

Opening: A meeting of the Lebanon Shade Tree Commission was held at 5:00 p.m. on 9/2/2020 at the Harmon Park. The meeting was called to order by Mickie Marquis.

In Attendance: Mickie Marquis, Sara Timmerman, Jim Ludwick, Don Mowry, Shawn Ford, and Casey Burdick

A. Approval of August Minutes: Motion to approve Jim Ludwick, Seconded by Don Mowry.

B. Agenda:

New Business:

- a. Glendower Arboretum- As a follow up to the visit at the Glendower Estate, the Shade Tree Commission was asked to help come up with a list of nurseries that could be contacted to provide native trees and a list of recommended trees and shrubs.
Nurseries: Quail Ridge, Natorps, Cincinnati Zoo-Bowyer Farm, Greenfield, Berns, Davey, Grandma's, and Delhi.
Trees: Shagbark Hickory, Persimmon, Pawpaw, Redbud, Sassafras, Ohio Buckeye, Blackhaw, Serviceberry, Eastern Red Cedar, American Beech, Blackgum, Sugar Maple, Honeylocust, Black Locust, Yellow Poplar, Catalpa, Cucumber Magnolia.

The board also discussed that it would be nice to have an inventory of the existing trees, to ensure the minimum of 25 species for a basic arboretum is met. Casey is going to reach out to Wendi VanBuren to see if she has done an inventory in the past.

- b. 2020 Tree Planting Program- Casey has additional trees to order, mostly Memorial Trees and a few in fill. She will be ordering those trees soon.
- c. 2020 Tree Pruning and Removal program- Casey is putting together a list of additional trees that need to be removed around the city.
- d. Arbor Day- Everything was cancelled relating to Arbor Day this year. The good news is the Arbor Day Foundation has given all the TCUSA communities a waiver on the requirement for 2020. Casey would still like to do a little something if the group has any ideas please let her know. One idea was doing a small celebration when Cedar City Park is opened.
- e. Cedar City Park- A big Thank You to Mickie and the other Garden Club members for their help.
- f. Christmas Tree Park- Casey will be working with Shawn to get a new tree selected in the coming months
- g. Beautification Awards- Casey has received a few nominations.

Goal Setting for 2020 – Qualifying for Tree City USA Awards (staff)

- a. 2020 Tree City Award Application- Casey looked over the list to get a Growth Award in the future and will be working to make that happen over the next calendar year. With the City's new website and redistribution of funds towards maintenance over planting of the City's trees should lead to another growth award in 2020.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 7th at 5:00 PM in Harmon Park

Submitted by Casey Burdick