

**City of Ladue- Beautification, Open Space and Tree Advisory Committee  
November 9, 2023**

**Ladue Police Department Conference room and via Zoom Meetings**

**Members present**

Laure Hullverson, Beverly Tucker-Knight, Nancy Ylvisaker, Heidi Reed, Pat Steiner, and Brook Palanca

**Others present**

Director of Public Works Anne Lamitola; Public Works Specialist Ashley Quinn, and Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Skubic, Building Official Paul Garlock

**Adoption of agenda and minutes**

Laure called for a motion to approve the November 9th agenda and the minutes from the October 12th meeting. Pat made a motion to approve, Beverly seconded the motion. All voted aye.

**Public Comment**

**Members of the public present were**

David Woltz, 9 Upper Barnes

**Tree removal permits**

None

**Review of proposed ordinance regulations for parks**

Deer Creek Preserve is under construction and the bridge has been set and paving is being finished. Proceeds in the tree fund that was implemented will pay for plantings on the eastern end of the property to create a landscape buffer. There will be signage installed near that eastern property line that advises against trespassing onto private property.

Public Works staff has been planning for the park maintenance for the property with respect to tree care, watering, etc. Discussion followed about how to prevent deer from damaging the new plantings.

A proposed ordinance change for park rules would be on the City Council agenda for November 13<sup>th</sup>. The proposed ordinance change would include park hours and general terms for the prohibition of hunting fires and littering.

**Other Matters Deemed Appropriate**

**Honeysuckle Hack**

Anne gave a review of the Honeysuckle Hack that took place on November 4<sup>th</sup>. There was a group of approximately 35 attendees, which is a great turn out. The flyer did list the street address for Deer Creek Preserve in a confusing way which will be updated on future flyers as well as a link to a map for ease of finding.

Anne was also contacted by an Eagle Scout candidate who would like to do a project at Deer Creek Preserve. Different ideas were discussed such as bat habitats and trail markers. Ideas will be compiled and provided to the scout.

**Bamboo ordinance**

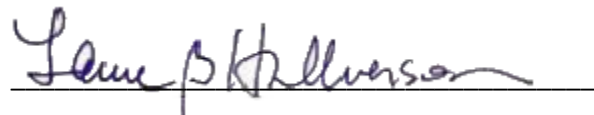
The original ordinance prohibited the planting of bamboo, and the new ordinance adopted earlier in Calendar Year 2023 addresses containment of existing running bamboo. Discussion ensued regarding bamboo including best practices for containment barriers, such as installation of a plastic rhizome barrier, the topic of cost implications for residents, and local contacts with bamboo experience for eradication. Paul Garlock suggested elimination of the portion of the ordinance that allows trenching as a containment measure. Discussion followed about requiring permits for containment once a notice has been sent.

Nancy made a motion to include remove trenching as a containment measure and to include prescriptive information on containment by barrier in the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Brook. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Nancy made a motion to amend the code to require a building permit for the bamboo containment that is installed. The motion was seconded by Heidi. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for 12/14/2023 at 7:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laure Hullverson", is written over a horizontal line.

Laure Hullverson, Chairperson