

City of Ladue- Beautification, Open Space and Tree Advisory Committee
January 12, 2023

Ladue Police Department Conference room and via Zoom Meetings

Members present

Laure Hullverson, Pat Steiner, Nancy Ylvisaker, Brook Palanca, and Tom McCarthy

Others present

Director of Public Works Anne Lamitola; Mayor Nancy Spewak; City Arborist Sean Seed; Public Works Specialist Ashley Quinn

Adoption of agenda and minutes

Laure called for a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from the December 8th meeting. Nancy made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Tom. All vote aye.

Public Comment

Resident Laura Newman Howe was in attendance. She shared that there was a group of students that were interested in doing self-lead honeysuckle removals at the future Deer Creek Preserve site. Prospective dates and details can be confirmed with Anne. The City would need a signed volunteer release from each person participating, prior to the events.

New Committee Appointments

Mayor Spewak gave a brief update on the candidates that were interested in being added to the committee. It was discussed that the potential members should be invited to attend the next BOSTA meeting. Mayor Spewak and Laure would review the applicants before the mayor's final appointments.

Chapter 102 Trees and Landscaping; Proposed Revisions

A review of the proposed changes was presented with comments from the City attorney. After a discussion about the edits, Tom made a motion to adopt all revisions to Ch. 102 including the addition of wording regarding invasive bamboo. Nancy seconded the motion. All voted 'aye' in favor.

Tree removal permits – 2 Midpark

Sean reported a brief overview of the permit. The trees were already removed. The application was the result of the code enforcement officer sending notice to the homeowners. Discussion regarding the tree selected for replacements ensued. It was determined that Sean could let the homeowners know that the Committee suggested a Hornbeam may get larger than they anticipated, but it would not be made a requirement to select another tree. Laure made a motion to approve the tree removal permit, as submitted. Pat seconded the motion. All voted 'aye' in favor and the permit was approved.

A discussion followed regarding approved trees for replacement. Currently the City uses the Missouri Department of Conservation tree listing for appropriate trees. This is also part of the landscape review process for new home construction. The members had some input on different trees that are considered appropriate and suggested some commentary could be added for residents to consider when selecting trees for replacement. The approved list will be included in the next meeting packet.

(Tom McCarthy had to leave the meeting)

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

Arbor Day will be held in conjunction with Earth Day on April 22nd. Because there is construction going on at all of the schools, it will take place at City Hall. The flyer will be drafted and distributed.

Committee re-elections

Anne stated that the Committee is required to elect a Chair and Vice-Chairperson each year. This will take place at the first meeting of the year. Pat made a motion to elect Laure as the Chair and Nancy as the vice-chairperson. All voted in favor.

Newsletter articles

Laure will prepare an article for the spring newsletter by the deadline on 2/24/2023.

The next meeting would be 2/9/2023 at 7:30 am.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 am.



Laure Hullverson, Chairperson