

Village of Richfield Tree and Landscape Commission

Minutes – Meeting of March 5, 2018

Present: Dale Rogers, Polly Wheeler, Theresa Kovak, Gary Domanick

Ex-officio: Mayor Beshara, Walt Dorsey, Ruth Jocek, Debbie Bluso Rogers

Absent: Lois Czekaj

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm

Election of 2018 officers:

Theresa nominated Gary for president; Polly seconded. Passed unanimously.

Theresa nominated Polly for secretary; Dale seconded. Passed unanimously.

Theresa nominated Dale for vice president; Polly seconded. Passed unanimously.

Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Gary asked where the spruce trees from the village square Christmas display were planted.

Four were placed at the pump station by Whitey's on Brecksville Rd.

Six were placed at the pump station by Renaissance at the corner of Brecksville and Everett Rds.

Arbor Day preparations:

- 1) Tree giveaway is April 28 at 9 a.m. We should all plan to be there by 8:30 a.m. and bring plastic grocery bags.
- 2) Debbie is working with Walt to develop description sheets for the trees. These will be posted online as well as printed for the event.
- 3) Walt will get ties to color-code the trees. The mayor will bring coffee that morning.
- 4) The following trees were ordered:
- 5) 300 redbud
- 6) 200 scarlet
- 7) 100 each of black gum, dogwood, red crape myrtle, blue spruce, bald cypress, ginkgo
- 8) Total spent was \$3,400
- 9) Up to 8 trees per family will be allowed (one of each), until after the initial giveaway. Residents may come back later to get extra trees that are left over.

New business:

- 1) Remaining commission meeting dates for 2018:
 - a. April 23, 6 p.m. – tour of Richfield in senior bus
 - b. May 7, 5:30 p.m. – regular meeting
 - c. June 11, 6 p.m. – regular meeting
 - d. Aug. 6, 5:30 p.m. – regular meeting
 - e. Sept. 10, 5:30 p.m. – regular meeting
 - f. Nov 5, 5:30 p.m. – regular meeting
- 2) New welcome signs have been ordered for the entrances to Richfield, so we can landscape around these. We will need other perennials besides what is there, especially at the north end sign by YRC.

Other business:

- 1) Gary asked what was accomplished last year by Tree & Landscape Commission.
- 2) Many self-watering pots have been purchased, some of which are 36" high tall. This type of pot will help reduce the work required by the service dept. for watering and the risk of failure of the plantings.
- 3) Raised beds will be started on triangles at Wheatley Rd/Brecksville Rd intersection. At least two triangles will have these beds, and maybe all four will be constructed.
- 4) Gary suggested an "adopt-a-spot" gardening program for businesses. We can look at spots for possibilities.
- 5) There are 19-20 street trees to replace so far this year. Some also need to be planted in the park [Richfield Woods]. Walt wants to plant some more Kentucky coffee trees on Rt. 303 east of the old school property and in other locations: four farther west on Rt. 303, two at Fairview Cemetery, one at Columbus Equipment, and two at HFS on Brecksville Rd north of Rt. 303.
- 6) Walt wants to put little-leaf linden trees on the intersection eyebrows at Wheatley and Brecksville Rds. The southwest corner has thriving crabapple trees, but the trees on the northwest corner have died. Polly moved to put crabapples instead of lindens at this location to match the other corners; Theresa seconded. Passed unanimously.

Theresa moved to adjourn. Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Polly Wheeler