

Tree Commission meeting Nov 2 2016 at 5:30 pm

In attendance: Meiring Borchers , Jane Goodman , Joe Mehalik . Dean Grida , Deborah Wright

Kessa Turnbull , Lenny Chormanski , Miriam Plax

Guest – Mayor Welo

Mayor started meeting with update about 100th B-day celebration of S.E.

Committee had been formed to attend to the details of the celebration and were meeting monthly.

The focus of the committee is Celebration, Environmental, legacy and initiative and includes marketing.

Wanted a tree legacy fund and is asking the tree commission if they would work with Dan from One South Euclid to make this happen.

Tree commission would dictate fund usage.

One South Euclid would simple raise funds, money would transfer to a city fund for use.

Arbor celebration was believed to be an appropriate opportunity to raise funds for this.

Tree Commission was accepting of this idea and plans to proceed with One South Euclid.

Mayor has name of individual for the memorial tree planting. Bexley Park is the place being highly considered at this moment for Arbor Day.

A motion was put to the Committee to move to six meetings a year (bi-monthly) for compliance of Tree City Ohio requirements.

This motion was approved and two meeting would be for the next motion.

A following motion was put to the commission to begin hearings for resident's complaints and removal requests of trees. City Arborist to handle and decide on usual issues as is seen fit.

This would be the Board of tree Appeals. Meiring is to begin to create form for factual and standard processes and bring to tree commission for approval.

Tree ordinance will need updated after this process is complete.

This motion was approved by the Tree Commission.

Dan from One South Euclid arrived and a continued discussion preceded on the tree fund options.

A link to 1SE to be added to website, Tree Fund website as well. A paypal option will need to be added so individuals will be able to use this system to donate funds. 1SE will use the centennial model for one year and then it will have to be transferred to a different account/fund.

1SE initial idea was to plant 100 trees but this has now been altered to this tree fund with the idea of how it is important to keep trees growing for the next 100 years.

More details to be incorporated and follow up with the Centennial committee and 1SE will need to take place.

Mayor and Dan both left the meeting.

An estimate of costs was given to Meiring based on industry standards for tree care in the city. This is so a proper budget assessment for the upcoming budgeting hearings taking place for South Euclid could be compared to proposed budgets.

A tree concern was brought up at the memorial park. The mountain ash currently there has succumbed to emerald ash borer and needs to be removed. The stone memorial marker will also need replaced as it has the name of the tree on it as the Eisenhower Ash will not be able to be replaced and a new species of tree needs to be selected.

Debbie is going to contact Forest City Tree and the initial group who purchased the tree to see how they wish to proceed with the issues.

A secondary meeting will be taking place on Nov 8. Dean, Joe, Debbie, Miriam and Kessa will be meeting to go over the homework for Tree Academy which is coming up in January.

Upcoming meeting dates based on the new 6 meeting format were set. They are: March 8, May 10, July 12, Sept 13 and Nov 8.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Go Tribe! Even though they lost since I am typing these notes late 😊