

**South Euclid Tree Commission
Meeting minutes October 10, 2018**

Present: Joseph Mehalik, chairman; Debbie Wright, Miriam Plax, Dean Grida, Kessa Turnbull, Jane Goodman

Absent: Dominic Liberatore. Tammy Lease-Novak, Lenny Chormanski

Start time: 5:34 pm

No public present for comments.

Debbie Wright expressed her thanks to the Service Department for their timely response to a request for tree trimming on a street tree that was overgrown.

The Appeals form was presented for final approval. The form was approved by the Committee and will be made available to the public. Dean recapped the process for appeals.

The Veteran's war memorial commemoration will be November 11th at 3:30 p.m. The members of the American Legion, who have a luncheon that afternoon, will end a little early, to allow us to begin before it gets dark. Lauren Lanphear will donate a Jesse Owens Olympic Oak tree, a historic tree from one of the surviving oaks brought back by Jesse Owens to commemorate his four Olympic gold medals during the 'Nazi' Olympics. We are hopeful that Tyrone Owens, cousin of Jesse Owens will be attending as well.

Debbie and Miriam will attend the American Legion meeting on October 15th at 7:30 p.m. to formally invite them to attend the ceremony.

Miriam will contact the Sun News and ask them to cover the event. If it is possible to find out who the Track coach is at Brush High School, we would like to invite the boys and girls track and cross country teams as well.

Next year, we have another historic tree donation from Lauren: the Children's Tree from Terezin Concentration camp. We need to see when that will be available for planting.

Tree City USA and Growth Award applications both are in process. We seem to have enough items to satisfy the requirements for the Growth Award.

Tree give-away is this coming Sunday, October 14th at City Hall. The trees will arrive on Friday and will be stored until Sunday morning. Kessa will prepare all the description tags and a group (Jane, Miriam, Marty Plax, maybe Joe, and Dean) will assemble to tag the trees at 11 am. There are 172 trees, 7 varieties for distribution to residents from 1-4 pm. Tree give-away is being promoted on the Next Door website, Facebook, Free Little Plant Library Facebook page, etc. hopefully there will be a good turn-out. A number of trees will be held back for future use. Thanks to Jane for securing the grant to make this program possible. All available to help distribute come at 1pm.

At the next meeting (November 7) we will set our meetings for 2019; put our events of the calendar (Rock the Block, Harvest Fest, Arbor Day, Veteran's Day, etc.)

Next Meeting

November 7, 2018 at 5:30 in South Euclid City Hall Jury Room

Meeting adjourned 6:36 pm

Submitted by:

Miriam Plax