

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

4/17/2019

5:30 City Hall Community Meeting Room

Extra meeting to plan 2019 Arbor Day celebration

Present: Jane Goodman, Lenny Chormanski, Joseph Mehalik, Dean Grida, Miriam Plax, Debbie Wright (quorum present)

start: 5:30

1. Reviewed plans for the newly named Lanphear Park, park dedication and the planting of 2 trees to honor the Lanphear family. A few dead or damaged trees will also be replaced by the service department. We also discussed the planing and the development and planting of the bio-swale/rain garden done by Cuyahoga County soil and water conservation district (which isn't officially a part of Arbor Day). There is also a pollinator garden planned in the same area with a community planting scheduled for 5/11/2019 9am to 12 noon.

South Euclid's Tree Commission is also celebrating its being recognized as a Tree City USA for the 23rd consecutive year and Growth Award recipient.

2. Reviewed the program, which starts at 12 noon 4/26/2019: Program will follow the usual format. Mayor will read the dedication, Joe will read the tree descriptions, South Euclid Poet Laureate will read an original Poem, Dirt and mulch will be placed on and around the new trees (Dean will get all the prep work done ahead of time)

Tree Description:

ULMUS Americana 'Valley Forge' Elm

A native American Elm cultivar introduced by the US National Arboretum. Valley Forge Elm is more tolerant of Dutch Elm disease than other cultivars. It has an upright arching and vase shape similar of the classic American Elm, with yellow fall color. 70'h 60'w

Nyssa sylvatica Tupelo Tower Black Gum

A Klyn Nursery introduction selected from an Ohio native species, Tupelo Tower has a very tight, upright habit unlike the species. The lustrous dark green summer foliage turns shades of orange in the fall. 30'-40'h 20'w

3. Publicity: Miriam will send press release to Dan Subwick as per our protocol discussed at last meeting. (this was written after the meeting)

On Friday afternoon April 26, 2019 at 12noon, South Euclid Mayor Georgene Welo will dedicate Lanphear Park, 1970 South Green Road, (green space across from Notre Dame College) as part of the South Euclid's Tree Commission's annual Arbor Day celebration. The park is dedicated to the Lanphear family, longtime South Euclid residents, who have continued to protect the community's tree canopy. Trees selected by the family will be planted that afternoon.

Poet laureate of South Euclid Doc Janning will recite original poetry for the occasion.

Also available for viewing that afternoon is the new Pocket Park recently completed by the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) at the Langerdale Marsh. The

project, an effort of the City and private and public funders, will include a bioswale, rain garden, perennial garden and much more. The public is welcome.

Addendum: response from

“Thanks for sending this over, Miriam.

I spoke with Keith Benjamin who was already drafting a press release. He believes we may get some local news channel attention. We're planning for a press release early next week and then again 24 hours before the event.

Daniel Subwick

Meeting adjourned 6:08 pm
Submitted by Debbie Wright