

**South Euclid Tree Commission
Meeting minutes May 7, 2019**

Present: Joseph Mehalik, chairman; Debbie Wright, Miriam Plax, Dean Grida, Tammy Lease-Novak, Lenny Chormanski

Absent: Kessa Turnbull, Jane Goodman, Dominic Liberatore

Start time: 5:36 pm

Public Input: None

Appeals: Mr. Dave Hudak of 4482 Laurel Road filed his appeal. Dean revisited the property and inspected the tree. Based on the current condition of the Aristocrat Pear, which is in generally good condition, with a value of \$1170 and using the National Tree Benefit Calculator bring overall benefit of \$188 annually, it is his recommendation to leave the tree in place. The problems Mr. Hudak has on his property do not seem to be a result of the tree lawn tree and require other work to be done, which he indicated he was doing the last time he was before the Commission. Lenny will send Mr. Hudak a letter indicating the Commission declines his request to remove the tree. Dean will continue to monitor the tree's health.

The issue of M/M Glazer's home on Fenwick was also raised. Lenny indicated that the Housing Dept has been very busy but they will reissue the citation and we will proceed with their situation.

Annual Tree Awards: A number of Commission members attended the tree awards earlier in the day. South Euclid was named a Tree City USA for the 23rd consecutive year and won a Growth Award with the highest number of points (27).

Rock the Block: Will be Saturday June 22nd from 10-5. Joe will arrange for the Commission to purchase a tent, 6' table and two folding chairs. Additionally, we will look into purchasing some kind of table display to hold brochures. Tammy offered to store the tent and table in her garage.

We discussed the importance of having an improved location (near the SE Garden Club and other like city organizations) this year.

Sign up for shifts to work (so far)

Set up: (11:30 a.m.) – 2:00 p.m. Dean and Debbie

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Kessa

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tammy

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Joe and someone needs to help
(tear down)**

It was discussed that it might be nice to get T-shirts for the SE Tree Commission with the city logo, Tree City logo, and a list of all the events the commission supports: Arbor Day; Rock the Block; Harvest fest; Memorial Day; Veteran's Day, etc. on the back. No dates so the shirt can be sold and worn year after year.

Arbor Day: Despite the pouring rain, there was an excellent turnout. The park looked beautiful and people seemed to have a great time.

Disappointing that there was no publicity but that could have been because of the weather. It was suggested be contact Doc Jannings, out Poet Laureate, to obtain a copy of his poem so that, if he is agreeable, we might publish it in an issue of the SE magazine.

Veteran's Day: It was mentioned that the memorial is being refurbished. Lauren Lanphear has access to a sapling from the Children's tree of Terezin concentration camp. We thought this might be an appropriate planning for the Veteran's Day memorial ceremony.

Membership: A number of the commission members' terms will be ending the end of 2019: Joe, Debbie, Miriam, Kessa and maybe Dominic.

Individuals need to decide if they wish to continue. And we also need to recruit new members; we can increase by a few. We need to add the application form to the Facebook page and to the City's page and maybe the Little Free Plant group too.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is Wednesday July 10, 2019 and the following meeting is Wednesday September 4, 2019. All meetings are open to the public at 5:30 p.m. in the Jury Room at City Hall, second floor.

Meeting adjourned 6:34 pm

**Submitted by:
Miriam Plax**