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GERMANTOWN TREE BOARD Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Germantown Tree Board Meeting was held in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room, at 2276 West Street.

PRESENT:

Kevin Young – Parks and Rec. liaison
Paul Bruns-DRC Liaison
Joseph Keohane - NPC liaison
George Hernandez – Planning liaison
Sidney Kuehn – at large
Michael Shelton – at large

ABSENT:

Clifton Gurley – Chairman- Beautification Liaison

Sarah Goralewski – Planning Staff Liaison
Pam Beasley, Staff Liaison
Teresa Martin –Staff Support

Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

The meeting was started at 12:08 pm
A quorum was established with 6 voting members present.

Approval of Minutes

August and October 2016 minutes were not approved this month – Deferred to May 2017

Staff Reports: Pam Beasley

- Pam Beasley, Director of Parks and Recreation facilitated the meeting off by introductions and welcoming the new Board for 2017. Pam informed the Board that we meet on the second Tuesday bimonthly. Our March meeting will be our Arbor Day Meeting. We do not meet in June or July, but will meet in Aug., Sept., Oct, Nov. and Dec. 2017
- Pam discussed the Tree USA application. There are 3 requirements to retain the Tree USA designation.
 1. Tree Board Meeting and Attendance
 2. Monitor Track and Report Expenses, regarding tree maintenance, removal, and restoration. The total amount of funds that were spent on expenses in 2015 was \$383,000.00
 3. Arbor Day Event

Nature Conservancy:

- Diane Callahan from the Nature Conservancy located in Nashville has donated 29 tree signs that have been ordered have been secured for the Program is if "If Trees could sing" at Oaklawn Gardens. They will be placed in front of the designated tree after they are identified. Pam will connect with Terran Atwood and ask about the progress on the tree identification. We need to I.D. additional trees and confirm map locations. Pam explained to the new members that the Tree signs will have a QR code that your phone can upload information and a song from a Country music star about the tree. The Conservancy is working with Germantown to identify additional trees and to print extra "If Trees could sing" signs for our trees that do not have one. The Nature Conservancy has a private donor who paid for this marketing and worked with a local country music artist to sing a song and give information about the specific tree on the Q-code located on sign. The TN Conservancy Executive Director Paul Kingsbury wants to designate Germantown as one of their projects and they want to come to Germantown Thursday, April 27th in the evening to do a Public Event/Ribbon Cutting at Oaklawn Garden to open our Arboretum.

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- Pam discussed our working with Sarah Goralewski from Development and Cindy Bond the City GIS specialist to get an Ariel map of Oaklawn Gardens. When we get the information we need, then we can get the Parks & Recreations Marketing Coordinator to design a brochure for us. We also have an Eagle Scout who is working with us on a project to make the Tree Marker sign frames and will do the installation.

Parks Master Plan:

- The Parks and Recreation Master Plan has for the first time obtained a large funding for a plan for the Parks System. We will bring a 3rd party Design Firm to look at sustainable site practices in the design including tree preservation. We also have funding for the Natural Resource Manager and a full-time Park Ranger who will be housed out of the Ranger office. We will be hiring in 2017.

Arbor Day:

- We will be giving away 600 Kousa Dogwood trees on March 3 in the parking lot of Huey's on the corner of Germantown Rd and Farmington. We will do a press release; the event will be on our website. We will have volunteers from the Beautification Commission and Tree Board to give away trees from 9-11am. We do have a rain date. The rain date will be next Saturday. Goodwinds nursery will order the trees and we are asking the Tree Board and Beautification Commission to meet on the morning of March 1 to separate the trees and wrap them. If there are any trees left, we will take them and give them to the schools.
We will hold our March meeting as the Arbor Day Event.

Announcements:

Arbor Day Event preparation @ Goodwind's nursery on Wednesday March 1

Arbor Day Event – March 3rd

TN Conservancy Public Event/Ribbon Cutting at Oaklawn Garden to open our Arboretum - Thursday, April 27

Meeting Adjourned

The discussions were concluded at 1:15 pm

Next Meeting

Arbor Day Event - March 3rd