



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Berkley Tree Board Meeting Monday, February 28, 2022**

**Meeting Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Public Safety Building**

#### **Agenda Items:**

- Call to Order / Roll Call
- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes / Today's Agenda
- Update from DPW - Derrick Schueller
  - # Trees planted / # Trees removed in 2021
  - Annual Arbor Day application
  - Update on tree preservation for Cornwall / Kenmore road reconstruction project.
- Oxford Park Update
- Vision / Accomplishments / 2022 Focus – Kathy Karlis / All
- Discuss meeting frequency and schedule for 2022
- Adjournment

Next Meeting: TBD

# Oxford Park Update – Woodward Talk, December 22 2021:

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*Woodward Talk's*  
**NEWS & NOTES**  
 COMPILED BY MIKE KOURY AND SARAH WOJCIK

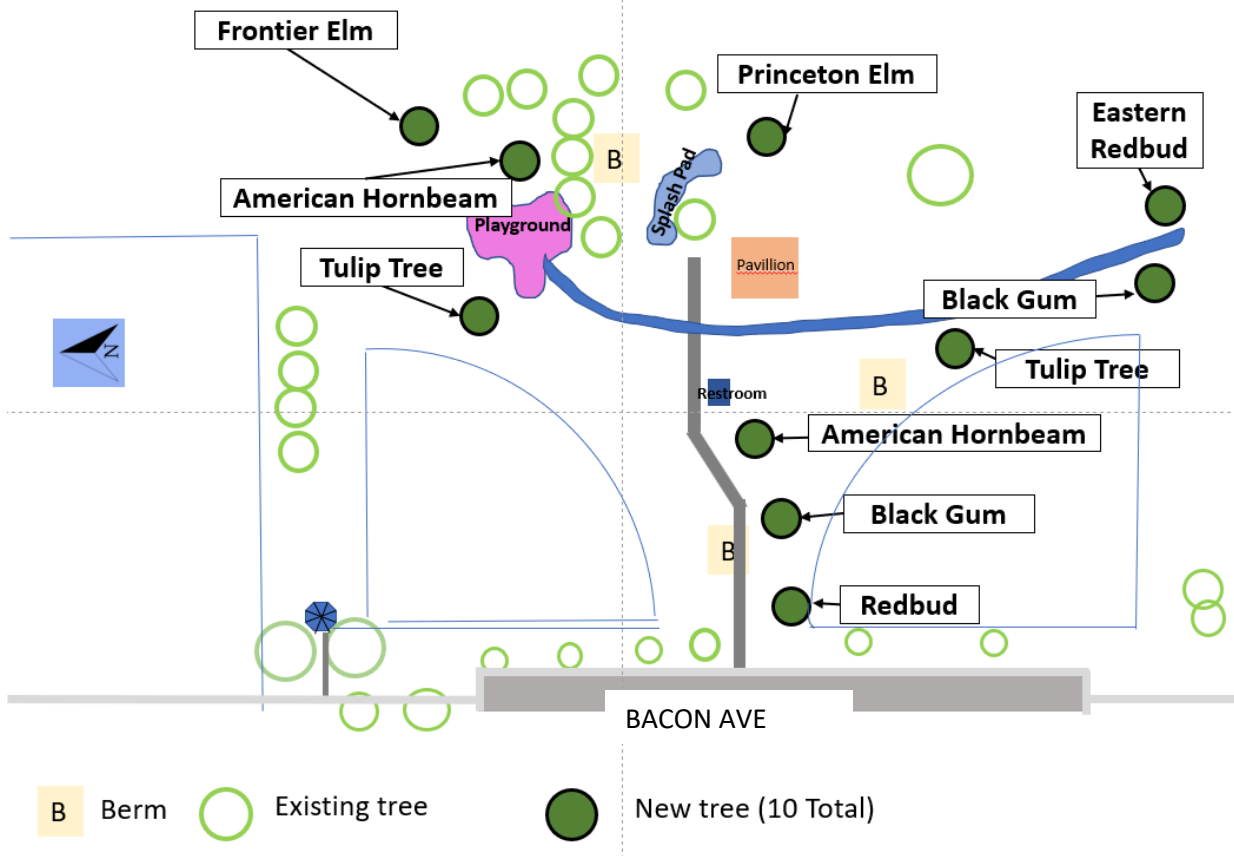
## UPDATES BEGIN AT OXFORD PARK



Photos provided by Berkeley Parks and Recreation



BERKLEY – In December, one Berkeley park began receiving a bit of a makeover. Earlier this month, the city of Berkeley began making updates to Oxford Park. The improvements include new playground equipment and the planting of 10 new trees. Oxford Park held a grand opening in June after years of development. The park unveiled both its new name and its long-awaited splash pad.



## Tree Board Vision

The Tree Board will advocate to preserve and expand the City's tree canopy and to promote tree diversification by engaging the City government and community with education, collaborative conversations, and execution of events and programs.

Duties (i.e., How will the Tree Board reach the vision?)

*[From Workshop conducted August 2021]*

- Serve as a focus group for brainstorming and reviewing policies and projects relating to the City's urban tree canopy.
- Plan and execute events that educate and advocate for the preservation and expansion of the city's urban tree canopy
- Assist the City Council and City administration in the implementation of various programs and by engaging with the community

## 2021 Accomplishments

- City of Berkley received the Tree City USA Award for 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive year
- 214 new street trees planted
- Tree Board volunteers conducted a tree inventory for Oxford Park and the Tree Board provided Parks and Recreation with a proposal for tree species to be planted along walkways in the park. Ten new trees were planted in Oxford Park in November
- DTE Foundation Tree Planting Grant awarded to City of Berkley \$4000 to plant additional street trees
- OAKSTEM Grant awarded to City of Berkley \$13,155 for Fall/Spring street tree planting to order to improve tree canopy benefits and to reduce storm water runoff
- Tribute Trees inventoried – Locations surveyed, database created to identify tree species, locations, markings and donors

## Ongoing Topics/Projects:

- City Street Tree Program
  - City Budget
  - # of trees to be planted / Spring and Fall
  - # of trees removed (annual update)
  - Information to residents to care for trees
  - List of trees available to be planted
- Tree City USA
  - Application due December, announced in April
  - Arbor Day (or week) Observance and proclamation (Arbor Day: April 29, 2022)
- Information sharing regarding pests, tree disease, or invasive tree species.
- City Tree Ordinance (proposed changes, concerns, new builds, enforcement)
- Communication

## Other Topics/Projects for 2022:

- Complete Tribute Tree Process
  - Spreadsheet into Google format
  - Tags/markers purchased and attached where currently missing
  - Recommendation finalized for future markers
  - *Informational brochure developed to communicate program to community?*
- Arbor Day Celebration
- Invasive Tree Species
  - *Current Invasive Tree Species: Black Locust and Tree of Heaven*
  - *Update City law to mirror require removal of invasive species on the State of Michigan list*
- Tree Inventory or Tree Canopy Study
- Apply for more Grant money
  - *DNR Community Forestry Grant (Tree inventory or canopy study (~\$10k), tree planting (~\$2k), or Arbor Day celebration (\$500)*
  - *Consumers Energy Community Street & Boulevard Tree Planting (\$2500 (\$100 for up to 25 trees) - not sure Berkley is eligible since Consumers Energy is not our electric utility*
  - *Michigan Arbor Day Alliance Tree Planting Grant (up to \$2000)*
- Holiday Parade
  - *More participation - step it up?*