

**Berkley Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2020
7:00 p.m. – Berkley Public Library**

Present: R. Penkala, M. Grassa, B. Lathrop, S. Sekora, K. Karlis, D. Schueller, T. Losey, E. Schlutow, L. Fritsch

Absent: M. Schneider, D. Hennen, K. Wilt, A. Turner

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome – M. Grassa

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved with changes. Add Lisa Fritsch to Absent, City Inventory Update, \$14,000 should be changed to \$15,000

Review and Approval of Agenda – M. Grassa present agenda and members approved as proposed.

Public Comments - None

Update from DPW Director – D. Schueller – Nothing new, still working on the budget. Numbers have not changed from last meeting for Tree Request. They have initiated discussions with Marine City about Fall 2020 Tree planting. Marine City may have limitations as to what species they can offer. D. Schueller is exploring other options that may offer more of a variety for plantings. D. Schueller thinks that the confusion of what is available might have been as a result of asking about adding a spring planting. Hopefully the fall will have the same or more trees to choose from for our residents.

Update on City Master Plan – E. Schutlow – City Development Director – She is meeting with all City Boards and Committees to talk about the City Master Plan. There will be opportunities for residents to also share their feedback. Make sure to spread the word about completing the survey to your neighbors. She has received a good mix of feedback from a variety of city constituencies. This level of engagement is in depth. They really want to make sure they get as much input from the community as possible. At Parks and Rec, the Library and City Hall there are billboards asking for feedback from residents. Please stop and add your thoughts. E. Schutlow conducted an activity with the Tree Board gathering our thoughts about the Master Plan. The Tree Board Members responded to the questions below. E. Schutlow recorded responses on flip chart. Very good discussion with lots of great ideas from the members. Thanks E. Schutlow for inviting us to participate in this important process,

- What do you like about Berkley?
- What do you want to see improved?
- What do you want to see changed?
- What do you think is missing?

Grant Information and 2020 Budget Requests – T. Losey – No updates until we find out if the 2020-21 budget gets approved through D. Schueller. The first grant will be written and submitted in September 2020. T. Losey will check with Parks and Rec to see about a grant they wrote for a Splash Park.

City Tree Inventory Update – K. Karlis updated the Tree Board on how we must start ramping up the volunteers for this big project. K. Karlis met with Tori - the City Engagement Planner to see how she can help us move forward with this project. Only a few volunteers so far. A. Turner talked to the Environmental Club at the High School and they should be able to get a good number of volunteers through that effort. At the same time, it must go to City Council for review and approval. D. Schueller will take it to City Council for us, perhaps on April 16th. The MSU students will get us started in Summer 2020. We will need to discuss with City Council about the funding of the project before we move fast forward. There will be two days in May for training, these will be May 6th and 13th. D. Hennen attended a meeting and received an ariel view of the trees in Berkley. On April 6th D. Schueller will present to City Council the Proclamation for Arbor Day 2020. K. Karlis has put together a PowerPoint to use as we plan the Tre Inventory report for City Council. This will go to them in their board packets before it is presented. Karlis will invite A. Downtin from MSU to come to the Tree Board Meeting and maybe the City Council Meeting as well.

Arbor Day Event – D. Schueller and D. Hennen were working on this. D. Hennen requested to make the Proclamation a little shorter. D. Schueller will complete this and present at the April 6, 2020 City Council meeting. D. Schueller will talk with the Chief of Police to see if there is an area where we can replant the Maybelle Fraser tree. We still must choose the date, time and location. M. Schneider was going to talk to the historical Society about the City of Berkley Tree Maps so we could use that for Arbor Day activities as well Arbor Day is April 24, 2020

New Business – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

2020 Meeting Schedule:

Monday, April 13, 2020
Monday, May 11, 2020
Monday, June 8, 2020

Monday, July 13, 2020
Monday, August 10, 2020
Monday, September 14, 2020
Monday, October 12, 2020