Berkley Tree Board Meeting Minutes Monday, March 25, 2024

Present: K. Karlis, S. Bard, T. Losey, D. Hennen, G. Elrod, M. Grassa, B. Lathrop, H. Tylenda, L. Fritsch, Adam Wozniak

Absent: M. Leneway, S. Young

Additional visitors: Brandon Wynn, Roger Lynn (Lathrup Village)

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2024 meeting minutes approved.

Review and Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as proposed.

Public Comments- None

DPW Update – Adam conveyed that we had received our tree city designation again this year, as well as received the growth award through Arbor Day. Adam said the annual Arbor Day planting was planned at Bacon Jaycee Park, but didn't know the details. Kathy said she would follow up with Shawn and relay the information.

Tree Ordinance Update – D. Hennen said there will be a first reading (city council) of the updated ordinance forthcoming.

Tree Board terms - Four people are leaving when their terms expire, so the newly appointed people will receive partial terms. This way we won't have so many expiring at the same time

Where the sidewalk ends program- The Berkley Public Library and Tree Board hosted Lawrence. Sobson's program "Where the sidewalk ends" program on Wednesday, March 20. There was good attendance. Lawrence provided an update on trees to avoid planting, and trees to consider planting, especially considering climate change. M. Grassa suggested getting a copy or recording of the presentation to have on the city's website. K. Karlis said she would reach out to Lawrence to see if that was possible.

Berkley Historical Museum "Arbor Day" Display - J. Tong from the Berkley Historical Museum has agreed to support the Tree Board in putting together an Arbor Day display at the museum. Details are still being worked out. K. Karlis asked if anyone would like to help and received some interest.

Berkley Days Volunteers – T. Losey discussed the option for the tree board to participate in Berkley Days as a way to fundraise. Sign up through the sign up genius for any available slot. The Tree Board should also supply some literature for the Berkley Day information booth. This would be for residents interested in finding out more about us. K. Karlis said she would provide some of our tri-folds.

Other Topics not on the agenda - None

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for April 22 (2nd Floor Conference Room, Public Safety Building)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.