Berkley Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 8, 2019
7:00 p.m. – Berkley Public Library


Absent: M. Schneider, D. Hennen, K. Wilt, S. Sekora

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

Student Representative A. Turner term will end in October 2019 and he will have to reapply to continue on the Tree Board. A. Turner will watch to reapply in October 2019 for another term.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved.

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

Public Comments - None

Grant Information – T. Losey will continue to look at additional grants that would be available. D. Schueller talked to someone from Oakland County who has been searching for grants other than the DTE Grant. He will let us know if he finds any new information.

Survey Information – K. Karlis noted that there will need to be some state funds made available to help with the tree survey. D. Hennen said that the money from builders who have taken down trees for new construction has been collected and placed in a fund that has been used for the planting of trees according to what Dennis has been told by the City. We will need to have budget funds set aside to help with the survey. K. Karlis reached out to see if she could find someone who had done a civic tree survey using volunteers. She was able to contact two individuals who know about this type of project and K. Karlis was able to get a couple of papers to review for planning this project. See below for links for these three papers for Board members to review before next meeting. Information was gathered from, Portland Oregon tree inventory program. The model program that I have been advocating for since February. It’s a team project. https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/53181 The information she gathered seems to be very useful in our planning for the tree survey. K. Karlis also put together a list of trees that were in the last survey. The 1998 survey she is reviewing seems to be for only public and park trees. She has entered 2000 and there are about 8000 to enter yet. She is putting together the plan for how we will update this survey once we are ready to set the volunteers on the task in 2020. K. Karlis recommends that perhaps we see if MSU might be helpful on this project in some way. B. Lathrop has some useful guides that we could use, and we really need one that is for Michigan trees. We could use iNaturalist for this project, it is an app we can load on to our phones. iNaturalist.org https://www.inaturalist.org/ A good time of year to do this may be July – September 2020 with a small pilot before. Nice work Kathy, Thank you!!

Asian Longhorn Beetle – Can we do anything about this? T. Losey asked if we could put something in the Fall 2019 Tree Planting List explaining why we are eliminating maples from the choices and information about the Asian Longhorn Beetle to explain what is happening to these species of trees.

Fall Tree Sale List Update – There was a great deal of discussion about whether we include maple trees on our list for Fall 2019. D. Schueller shared the Fall 2019 List of likely trees to be planted for Fall 2019. The Tree Board would like to expand the list and remove maples. We want to make sure that there would be difference in the pricing for various calipers of new plantings. The list should also continue to include the mature size of trees. D. Schueller shared that DPW must get the Fall Planting packet done and ready for distribution. Once Tree Board Members receive the list and review, please get your thoughts back to D. Schueller ASAP.
**Beautification Committee** – Tree Planting Flyer/Door Hanger Event on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 9 a.m. at BHS Parking Lot on Catalpa. The Beautification Committee will buy free trees for Berkley Residents who cannot afford to pay for a tree. If you cannot help on this day call D. Mihaescu and you can go out another day and distribute these to homes, he will drop off copies to your house if you can help. This will be the third annual event.

**Dennis Hennen** – City Finance-Tree Fund, request to change meeting schedule, the ZBA meets only as requested on the 2nd Monday of the month. It would be best to stick with the same date and time for most of the committee. D. Hennen will talk to ZBA to see if they can change the time of their meeting.

**Other Business** – None

**REMINDER** – Still looking for a member to step up as Chair for Margaret. Please considering doing this for a little while, we will still be on the Board to support you!

Next meeting will be on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7 pm at the Berkley City Library

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

**2019 Meeting Schedule:**
September 9, 2019
October 14, 2019
Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Due to Veteran's Day on Monday November 11, 2019
December 2019 – No Meeting – Holiday Parade