



Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
04:00 p.m.

1. Convening the Meeting:

a. Call to Order/Call the Roll – Susan Quintenz, Chair

Ms. Mollie O'Donnell was appointed as an alternate voting member.

1. Establish a quorum – Ellen and Barb out

Ms. Mollie O'Donnell was appointed as an alternate voting member.

Others Present: Troy Markham, Elena Andrews, Mayor Kessler, Jordan Cavallaro, Grant Archer, Andy Bashore, Richard Sharp

b. Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2019 – Mrs. Quintenz

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c. Announcements/Small Victories/Residents' Comments:

a. Goodbye to Councilman Troy Markham and Hello to Richard Sharp

Council member Troy Markham has been re-assigned and will no longer be the acting liaison for Tree And Public Garden Commission. The new council liaison is Richard Sharp.

Council member Troy Markham gave one last mini lesson to the Tree Commission regarding water molecules.

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b. TFB 2020 update!

The Trees For Bexley fund has raised \$32,500.00 from 115 donors. Last year at this time \$35,360.00 was raised.

c. Other

Asplundh is trimming trees along Main St. and Drexel Ave. Mr. Grant Archer is on site instructing them on the trimming process.

2. Landscape Applications to be reviewed – Elena Andrews, Staff Consultant

a. Plantings at Pump House Park – Elena Andrews and Grant Archer

Plant material in front of Pump House Park at Alum Creek and Main has been removed. Ms. Elena Andrews provided some suggestions on new plant material for the area. The area is Northwest facing and the new plant material will need to be able to survive in full sun and part shade. The area is empty and the planting bed is about four and a half (4.5) feet wide. Ms. Andrews proposed Dwarf Oak Leaf Hydrangea for the center section and for planting on either side of the hydrangea, Ms. Andrews proposed the Ilex Verticillata 'Red Sprite'.

Site Plan Requirements for New Builds

Ms. Elena Andrews wanted to review the document 'Site Plan Requirements for New Builds.' The Tree Commission had started a draft back in September 2019. A new build application was submitted for 745 Francis Ave. and a landscape plan will be submitted for the Tree Commission to review. The goal for the document is to assist applicants when going before the Tree Commission for new builds.

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b. Other

A discussion was held among the Tree Commission regarding tree protection fencing in construction zones and how it can be improved.

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3. Mayor's Report: Ben Kessler, Mayor City of Bexley

Charles St. has received an expansion of curbs and if there is room sidewalks will be installed.

The plastic bag ban is in full affect. There is a bin 'Take a bag Leave a bag' in the lobby of the Giant Eagle, just in case people forget one. The City will produce 10,000 bags that will be made out of 100% recycled bottles.

Council member Troy Markham is drafting up a 'Heritage Tree' Ordinance, which will provide some protection to those trees on private property, if the homeowner chooses to do so.

Jeffrey Manison Woods Festival will be held in March. The plans have yet to be finalized.

There is a right-of-way Ordinance City council is reviewing that will provide design guidelines for the 5g towers Verizon would like to install. Verizon is looking at eighty (80) locations throughout the City for the towers.

a. Havenwood Planning Group

No new updates.

b. Yaw! Bikes and City of Bexley Study Group

Yaw! Bikes will hold a study group 1-14-2020 at 6:30 to discuss ways to make the City more bike friendly with better infra-structure, bike racks, and bike safety information.

c. Commonwealth Park Master Plan Installation

The west athletic fields at Commonwealth Park will under go a rehabilitation to improve the condition of the playing fields. Ms. Elena Andrews will draft a landscape plan for the park once the survey has been completed.

d. No Smoking in Public Parks Ordinance

A new ordinance had its first reading 1-14-2020 before City Council. The ordinance would ban both smoking and vaping in public parks throughout the City of Bexley.

e. Alum Creek Stairs

The Alum Creek stairs connect Main St. to Schneider park trail. Work will begin on the Schneider park trail once the weather starts to warm up.

4. City Forester Report – Grant Archer, Arborist

a. Maples Trees for South Cassady, Cassingham, etc.

There is an opening for a few new trees on the 200 block of South Cassingham.

b. Number of Chinkapins for Broad Street

There are eight (8) spots available to plant Chinkapins along Broad street.

c. Number of unfilled tree spaces for street trees

Mr. Grant Archer is still working on getting a number of unfilled tree spaces for street trees.

d. Other

Ohio State Bank is putting structural soil in the right-of-way along E. Main and Parkview.

5. Old Business:

a. MSG Part Two Moving Forward - What to do?

Mr. Larry Helman provided an update regarding the Main Street guidelines. A meeting was held 1-14-2020 to discuss the guidelines and the steps to take. The goal is to divide Main St. into four (4) commercial parts and to create guidelines that are appropriate for the section thus unifying the areas to make Main St. cohesive.

b. Broad and Westland – Considerations for design work – Larry Helman and Mollie O'Donnell

Mr. Larry Helman provided an update regarding the first median on Broad off Nelson. The curb cut off Wolfe Park is difficult to see at night and the existing trees in the median are hit due to lack of visibility. The goal is to make to this area more visible to traffic so less damage will occur to the median.

A discussion was held regarding design ideas that will make the median safer for vehicles traveling along E. Broad during the day and at night.

Notes

c. Commission Members Reports

1. One Trillion Trees: Bexley's Response –Susan Quintenz, Sheila Straub, Grant Archer

Chair Quintenz is working with working with Ms. Sheila Straub, Ms. Paige Crane, and Mr. Grant Archer on Bexley's response to one trillion trees. A meeting was held and the next step will be to make a case statement and do more research regarding the topic.

2. Arbor Day – Celeste Williams

Ms. Celeste Williams would like to continue her work for Arbor Day.

3. Arboretum Booklet – Jim Wilson

Mr. Jim Wilson would like to continue his work on the Arboretum booklet. He has started the booklet and would like to finish what he started. He requested ideas for favorite street trees and heritage trees.

4. Drexel Circle – Dave Wakeman

Mr Dave Wakeman would like to continue his work with Drexel Circle. He has had a meeting requesting feedback on how to improve the area.

5. Gateways – Ellen Bowden and Barb Giller

Ms Ellen Bowden and Ms. Barb Giller will continue the work they started for the gateways.

6. Street Tree revisions – Linda Zupnick, Grant Archer

Ms. Linda Zupnick would like to continue to work with Mr. Grant Archer on Street Tree revisions.

d. Bexley Landscape Landmarks – Brick Streets, Curbs, Gutters – Susan Quintenz and Andy Bashore

Chair Quintenz provided an update regarding the brick street and brick gutters. A few streets have brick underneath the overlay. The streets that have the overlay is because of the damage done due to utility work. The City's intern put together a map of the exposed brick streets throughout the City. A few of the brick streets, Bryden and Bexley Park, are included in the 2020 street plan budget to be repaired.

e. Updates on revisions/installations at Drexel Theater Pocket Park

Chair Quintenz will meet with Mr. Blank to discuss the water feature. The Bexley Community Foundation has expressed interest in a water feature. The City is waiting to hear if the Drexel Theater will grant permission to use their electric for the string lights.

6. **New Business:**

a. Other

There is a joint plan with the City of Columbus and the City of Bexley to help with design and safety plans for Livingston Ave. Residents who live along Livingston have formed a group. Columbus is putting together a Road Diet for the area which includes streetscape, zoning, safety, and uniformity.

7. **Staff Reports:**

