



**Village of Homewood
TREE Committee
February 9th, 2017**

**Homewood Landscape &
Maintenance Building
18355 Pierce
Homewood, IL 60430**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:36 pm

ROLL CALL: Jim Tresouthick, Deborah Baldauf, Paul Kramer, Jason Baldauf, Karl Persons, Carolyn Bury, Janet Hernandez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Karl Persons 1st, Deborah Baldauf 2nd

AGENDA ITEMS:

-Old Business:

- **Direction/Goals of Committee:** Maureen Guger has stepped down as president and Maureen and Al will not be involved in the Tree Committee, Green Thumb Saturday and the Master Gardener program moving forward. Jason Baldauf has been offered and accepted the position of president.
- **PR/Media Outlets – Facebook, GoPro, Handouts:** The village now has a GoPro camera that we can use for promotional and educational items to put on the website. We would like to start a Tree of the Month on the Keep Homewood Forested Facebook page. Members of the committee can send content to Jason to add as well.
- **Christmas Tree Recycling:** Irons Oaks has a Christmas tree recycling program. We are going to investigate how the Tree Committee can help or promote creating backyard bird habitats. Promotion on the Keep Homewood Forested Facebook page or at the tree lighting would be opportunities.
- **Green Thumb Saturday:** Our first presentation is March 11th on Pruning. Janet Hernandez has offered to help with the program moving forward in Maureen Guger's absence. This year we will have a raffle to give away rain barrels at the end of the season, with the more sign in entries having the better odds of winning.
- **Farmers Market/Chocolate Fest:** We do not have a table at Chocolate Fest this year, however Jim Tresouthick will ask if our literature can be handed out at a village booth. We will attempt to have a table at two Farmer's Markets this year around TreeShare. Jason Baldauf will contact Kate Duff about a booth at the 2/25 market.
- **TreeShare, Spring 2017:** Jim Tresouthick is going to find out about the TreeShare brochure next week. The deadline for ordering will be April 1st. The trees are Paperbark Maple 'gingerbread', Bitternut Hickory, Yellow Wood Hardy Rubber Tree, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Shingle Oak, Bald Cypress. The trees will be obtained from a nursery in Ohio as they have the best variety.

MEETING MINUTES

- **Arbor Day:** The committee will submit ideas for the Arbor Day Art Bag to Jim Tresouthick by Friday 2/24. In the future we may approach the Science Center to include them also. We are going to revisit prior to next year about creating a video to demonstrate the program and come up with ideas to better illustrate the message. Deborah Baldauf is going to see if they can get a school wide announcement made. Tree planting details to be determined.
- **Storm Water/Tree Committee Collaboration:** The Tree Committee is going to approach the Storm Water Committee about possible collaboration to spread the word about the use of trees in storm water mitigation. We will also invite them to present at the Green Thumb Saturday presentations on MWRD and watershed presentations if they are interested. Jim Tresouthick will get in touch with the committee.
- **Bicycle Tree Tour:** Paul Kramer is going to get the information we have on file to Jim Tresouthick, who is going to bring it to the engineering department.

-New Business:

- **Meeting Minutes:** Janet Hernandez will be handling the minutes after the February minutes have been completed.
- **Junior Tree Committee Program:** Deborah Baldauf submitted an idea to create a Junior Tree Committee Program working potentially with the HF Park District or the Science Center. This would help educate and promote the message of the committee with field trips to Hazel Crest Open Lands, Irons Oaks or Izaak Walton. Debbie is going to try to reach out to the park district and science center to get contact information.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 13th, 2017

ADJOURNMENT: 8:07 pm, Karl Persons 1st, Janet Hernandez 2nd