

WINDY HILLS TREE BOARD MINUTES

January 25, 2023

PRESENT OR ZOOMING: Scott Breland, Joyce Bridge, Kelly Egan, Brianda Levering, Erin Morris, Arborist Caroline Westfall, and Councilwoman Kate Greer.

The main discussions centered around Arbor Day, our special projects, a giveaway of 5 trees to residents on Clerkenwell and Indian Ridge and the Windy Hills tree subsidy program.

Arbor Day: We decided on Sunday, October 1, at the Green mainly because there is less likely to have rain. Caroline is hoping to get two arborists to have a race up the trees. Spectators are encouraged to contribute \$1 in one of the two tree pots. The winner will be able to donate the contributions to the organization planting trees in the Metro area.

Erin still has materials left over from this year's event for the children. We will also purchase seedlings from the Arbor Day Foundation for attendees to take home to plant.

Year's Projects: We will continue taking care of the LG&E planted trees on Westport Road. Four or five trees will have to be replaced that were destroyed by automobiles. Caroline plans to survey the situation Saturday (weather permitting) to see what needs replacing. Scott hopes to join her. The project also means that we may have to pay for watering again. We figure that watering could possibly amount to \$2,500 and the tree replacements up to \$1700.

Caroline is going to give Scott the number of someone in the Highway Department to discuss a barrier to protect our trees.

Tree Giveaway: Something will be in the September newsletter announcing that anyone on Clerkenwell or Indian Ridge wishing a free tree to contact Scott. If more than 5 sign up we will draw to select the winners. They will be chosen from our approved list of trees.

Windy Hills Tree Subsidy Program Because of changes at the Plant Kingdom (they no longer plant the trees), we think we should add one more supplier to our list. We want to avoid Box Stores. Caroline will contact Thieneman's Nursery on English Station Road to see if they would give us the 20% discount on the cost of the tree.

Scott would like to set up a Google Account for the Tree Board. We could send out information and take questions from Windy Hills residents. Kate gave him Councilwoman Julie Theiler's phone number. She is responsible for Windy Hills communications and can help him.

Please fill out the Ethics forms and send them in a sealed envelope to the City of Windy Hills, Summit Executive Suites, Suite 110 4350 Brownsboro Road. Louisville, Ky. 40207 before January 31. This is not as complicated as you think. If you have any questions, call Kate (502-893-2059.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 22, at 7:00. At Scott's.