

TREE BOARD MINUTES

April 19, 2023

PRESENT: Scott Breland, Joyce Bridge, Kelly Eagan (by Zoom), Kate Greer, Erin Morris (by Zoom), Mayor John Roberts, Laura Trachtenberg

TERMS OF MEMBERS: Because we did not meet during Covid, the Board decided terms for the existing members. Nancy Ott-Nobles would serve one year. Joyce Bridge would serve 2 years. Scott Breland, Kelly Eagan and Erin Morris would serve three years. Members can reapply for their position when their term expires.

The Board recommends that the following be appointed to the Tree Board: Laura Trachtenberg for a two-year term and Teri Breland for a one-year term. Mayor Roberts approved their appointment and will take the matter to the Council for approval.

WESTPORT ROAD TREES: Kate reported that two ginkgo trees were planted on Westport Road. Joyce Bridge and Laura Trachtenberg both volunteered to water them during periods of drought.

ARBOR DAY PLANS: Kate booked the ice cream truck. Caroline booked the tree climbers. Erin reported that she still has lots of children's activities.

We discussed some other options for the day to entice more people to attend. Possibilities include a shredder and giving out small trees for kids to plant.

In addition to the 10 signs the Board has, it was proposed that we get two larger signs or banners to place on both the Brownsboro Road and Rudy Lane corners.

TREE SUBSIDY PROGRAM: Because Plant Kingdom no longer plants trees, we discussed the possibility of dropping the requirement of requiring that the tree be planted by the nursery. At purchase, the Board could provide information as to how to plant the tree and how to care for it.

It was also discussed that the Board provide information and photographs of the various trees that are approved to be planted.

TREE BOARD ORDINANCES: Mayor Roberts brought copies of the Tree Ordinances for us to review and update.

Mayor Roberts is also going to allow the Tree Board to link into our Zoom program that could lengthen our meetings.

The next Tree Board meeting will be May 31, 2023.