

WINDY HILLS TREE BOARD MINUTES

November 15, 2023

PRESENT OR ZOOMING: Scott Breland, Teri Breland, Joyce Bridge, Martha Davis, Laura Trachtenberg, Kate Greer, Caroline Westfall, Kelly Egan, and Bob Jacobs (visiting).

Approval:

September 20 2023 Minutes; by Kate Greer and Joyce Bridge

ARBORIST Update (Caroline):

Inspections and consultations of trees made by request of the mayor. Conversation of Silver Maple tree on Indiana Ridge. The trees mentioned are not at the responsibility of the Tree Board. The inspection report will be forwarded to the mayor. Caroline is keeping separate logs for the Tree Board and the City.

Arbor Day

Arbor Day cost was \$1027. Tree board will provide \$50 to Caroline for reimbursement of gift cards for Save a Tree workers (once Caroline submits receipts). Scott Breland will send Arbor Day pictures to Caroline for Save a Tree artifacts. Tree Board will work on Arbor Day advertisement (social media, signs, flyers) for next year.

Financials

\$1627(total expensive spent since July 2023), \$400 tree subsidies, \$200 for tree removal, and \$1027 Arbor Day. Scott Breland will contact the Mayor to get Tree Board balance

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:

The following is a list of topics to be included in Windy Hills Newsletters.

December - Christmas Trees Rental.

January - Winter Interest (trees with pretty berries).

February -Find Me Tree & an article about region and nature of the featured tree.

March - Trees that Benefit local wildlife.

April - Trees you don't want to plant.

May - How to water your tree.

June - Find Me Tree & an article about region and nature of the featured tree.

July - How to maintain trees during drought.

August - Kentucky Native Trees.

September- Safety mulching and composting.

November -Find Me Tree & an article about region and nature of the featured tree.

December - Choosing the right tree and the right location.

January - Why do you need an arborist (meet our arborist).

General

Scott Breland is too look into starting a Google Folder to keep all minutes, articles, photos, and documents. The folder will be shared with the city. Introduction of Bob Jacobs as potential new tree board member.

New Business:

Care of Trees along Ambridge Drive - report by Martha (enclosed below)

Tree Board voted to move on with:

Phrase

1 with Limbwalker (\$4032)

Phrase

2 with Save a Tree Service (\$924)

Phrase

3 with Klausing Group (\$1975)

TREE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Tree Board has set a schedule of meetings for the 2023-24 fiscal year that will be posted on the City web site. The time will be 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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The

meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Windy Hills Tree Board - Nov. 15, 2023
 Ambridge Drive Trees from Rudy Lane to Westpot Road - both sides

	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	FYI
COMPANY	Pruning	Fertilizing	Mulch Ring	
	Winter	Spring	Spring	
Bob Ray Co. Inc	4200	0	n/a	
Klausing Group Inc.	2945	2070	1975	1+2
Limbwalker Tree Service, Inc.	4032	578 x 2	n/a	3
Save A Tree Service Louisville	4380	924	n/a	4

1. Senior Horticulturist John Backert on site during work.
2. 10% goes back into community. This year Louisville Trees.
3. Reflects 20% discount and two (2) fertilizings.
4. Plus fuel surcharge \$168.
5. NOTE: Several arborist offered to approach the resident to prune their tree infringing on the street tree at no expense to them.
6. NOTE: GANODERMS FUNGUS found on FRench Silk Lilac at 1003 Ambridge

WINDY HILLS TREE BOARD
CARE OF TREES ALONG AMBRIDGE DRIVE
FALL 2023

Sixty nine (69) 2-11" tree planted in the R-O-W on both sides of Ambridge Drive.
(from Rudy Lane to Westport Road.)

PHASE ONE: Fall 2023

- Trees to be structurally pruned to remove rubbing/crossover/parallel limbs which will thin their canopies for wind penetration.
- Remove suckers at the base of the trees and thin upward-growing sprouts.
- Remove major visible deadwood and stubs.
- Raise to 7'-8' over sidewalks for pedestrian traffic.
- Raise 12'-15' over the street for vehicle traffic.
- Reduce longest tips to shape as needed.
- Excavate and sever girdling roots as needed.

PHASE TWO: Spring 2024

- Fertilize all trees (except those recommended for removal) in the Fall with a root stimulant (low nitrogen).

PHASE THREE: Spring 2024

- Remove grass and install 2"-3" deep mulch ring around trees as needed.
(Some trees may be mulched by residents/homeowners.)