



Meeting Summary:
Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting

Date & Time: February 28, 2019 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Community Development Building, 305 SW A Street,
Bentonville, AR 72712; second floor conference room

Mission Statement

The City of Bentonville Tree & Landscape Advisory Committee serves as an advisory committee to the City Council and to City Staff working to maintain, improve, renew and protect the urban forest in public rights-of-way, as well as to share information with the public, enhance appreciation of trees, promote proper tree care, and encourage participation in the development of Bentonville's urban forest.

Tagline

Grow with trees.

Committee Members Present: Scott Eccleston, David Short, Chris Sooter, Ralph Weber

Others Present: Danielle Semsrott, Senior Planner, Emily Krol and Dana Torczon, Horticulturalists

New Business

1. Tree Giveaway

- Morning of April 27th, Bentonville Community Center, event time and more details to come
- 400, 3 gallon trees, Zelkova, Bald Cypress, Willow Oak, Shumard Oak, Red Maple, \$7 each, most are 6' tall, some are 8-9' tall (see photos below)
- Idea is to have pre-registration pickup end at a certain time (before the event ends); any trees that are leftover are first come, first serve
- Invite Trail Life USA Troop #52 again to help carry trees to people's cars
- Will get information updated on city website
- Need to place order now for fall, try to offer PawPaw tree

2. Grow with Trees Award

- Brick Avenue Lofts – Cottonwood tree, present award middle of May, early June
- Legacy National Bank – 2904 S Walton Blvd (more than likely 4/23 CC meeting)
- Need to get recognition signage

3. Landscaping of the Month Awards

- Residential and commercial
- May – October

- Increase program marketing

4. By-laws – terms limits

- Scott – 11/14/20
- Nathan – 7/25/20
- David – 5/23/20
- Chris – 12/31/21
- Ralph – 12/31/21
- No term limits

5. Project/Funding Ideas

- Heritage Tree Program – committee would like to focus on this, review past examples from Cody with Crystal Bridges
- North Walton Boulevard Corridor Enhancement Plan – no update at this time
- Greenspace coming into Bentonville at new interchange at SE Walton & I-49 – potential tree planting opportunity
- Large round, raised planters – place on west, south and east corners of square, examples below, Emily will check with engineering on site triangle requirements and cost (see photos below)
- Synthetic turf at the square

Other Business

1. 2018 Tree Planting Blitz

- Trees planted at Lincoln Junior High School need fixed, T & L Committee could pay to fix them, next time we use student volunteers, they need more oversight
- In general, the holes dug by augers do not need to be so deep and the auger itself needs to be larger

2. Bentonville Garden Club Arbor Day Celebration

- March 26th, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, Shewmaker Center, NWACC

Next Meeting

- March 28th, 10:00 am, Community Development Building, 2nd floor conference room











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