



Meeting Summary:
Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting

Date & Time: March 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, Nathan Lembke, David Short, Chris Sooter, Ralph Weber

Others Present: Danielle Semsrott, Senior Planner

New Business

1. Tree Giveaway

- Morning of April 27th, Bentonville Community Center, 8:00 am to 11:00 am, receiving area and Citizens Park Pavilion are reserved
- 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)
- Pre-registration pickup will end at 10:00 am; after that any trees that are leftover are first come, first serve
- Trail Life USA Troop #52 will help carry trees to people's cars
- All info updated on city website, I'll send an email to contact list once press release is issued
- Pre-registration will open on April 1st at 9:00 am
- Need to place order now for fall, try to offer PawPaw tree, Western Kentucky Tree, Redbuds
- Contract grow from now on

2. Grow with Trees Award

- Brick Avenue Lofts – tree preservation celebration June 27th at 3:00 pm
- Legacy National Bank – 2904 S Walton Blvd, May 28th City Council meeting
- Need to get recognition signage – mesh banner around trees? What should signage say?

3. Landscaping of the Month Awards

- Residential and commercial
- May – October
- Marketing – press release issued on 5/9/19, on Parks Department Facebook page

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
- Synthetic turf at the square
- Roundabout at NE J Street and Museum Way/NE John DeShields Blvd – T & L Committee fund native plants (approximately \$12,000) and soil (approximately \$3,000); Crystal Bridges will irrigate, light, plant and maintain
- Large round, raised planters – place on west, south and east corners of square, examples below (Emily Krol)
 - Scott made a motion and David second in support and all in favor of using \$15,000 in T & L Committee funds to purchase planters

Other Business

Next Meeting

- May 16, 2019 at 10:00 am, Community Development Building, 2nd floor conference room









