

Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 16th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

305 SW A Street, Bentonville, AR

Zoom Meeting – the public and non-committee members may contact bbirchfield@bentonvillear.com to request participation via Zoom.

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AGENDA

OPEN MEETING - Meeting is being recorded.

1. ***Meeting Summary Approval – May 19, 2022**

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Tree Giveaway – Saturday, October 22nd**
3. ***Landscape of the Month Nominations**
4. ***Great Neighborhoods Partnership Landscaping Contest**

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURN MEETING

** Attachment*

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BPC members present

- o Mary Beth Miller
- o Patti Erwin
- o Janet
- o Ryan Neal
- o Staff
 - Scott Mendenhall

T&L members present

- o Nathan Lembke
- o Jessie Wagner
- o Ralph Weber
- o Mark Bray
- o Stephen Gilbert
- o Holly Hook
- o Guilzar Baggson
- o Staff
 - Baylea
 - Christopher
 - Geoff Braga
 - Emily Krol

Guest

Tyler Overstreet

1. ***Meeting Summary Approval** – April 21, 2022

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Tree Protection & Preservation Summary** – Tyler Overstreet

- Tyler worked on this last year and wanted to share the next steps from the summary.
- Last year, a group by the name of 'Tree Protection and Preservation Working Group'. This group consisted of many departments around the city and elected officials.
- Tyler went over the policy alternatives and a road map for the future. The Groups also put together an implementation task list because of the Tree Protection and Preservation Summary.
- Voluntary methods like educational programing to Compulsory methods such as 'minimum canopy preservation percentages.

7 Alternative Methods resulted from the summary.

- 1.) Heritage Tree Program
- 2.) Improve Preservation Credits
- 3.) Policy Improvements
- 4.) Minimum Canopy Preservation Percentages
- 5.) Educational Programming
- 6.) "Extra Credit" for tree planting above the minimum requirements
- 7.) Off- Site Tree Plantings

Tyler showed the task list and what department would be over the tasks

BLE- Base Level of Engineering Data is what the city is currently focusing on. This will help the Tree and Landscape Committee by knowing the flood zones in Bentonville. This data is also useful for open space planning and points out great locations for walkability.

3. 2021 Tree Canopy Assessment Review

- This assessment should identify areas that have the greatest need
- The team went over their concerns from the assessment
- Discussion was had amongst committee members
- Baylea gave information on the Neighborhood Tree Planting Program

4. Landscape of the Month Nominations

- 4609 SW Windsong Dr
- This lawn is the May winner

5. Tree Education for Youth – Nathan

- Mary Beth gave more details to this item
- Ideas will be sent to Mary Beth via email on signage designs for the trees

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7 Gorman Gate



605 NW A Street



905 SE 5th Street

Neighborhood Landscaping Contest

It's time for your neighborhood to show off its green thumb!
From June 1 - June 21, enter your neighborhood in our
landscaping contest!

Two Categories

- **Greenest Neighborhood:** This is awarded to the neighborhood with the most participating homes.
- **People's Choice Award:** This is awarded to the neighborhood that receives the most votes from Bentonville residents.

Rules

- Must maintain a clean exterior of the home.
- Only what is visible from the street will be counted.

Voting Begins June 22

