

Pendleton Urban Forestry Committee

Meeting Minutes

Pendleton Town Hall

February 25, 2020

1. Meeting Called to Order

- Meeting called to order by President Taylor Metz at 4:35pm

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

- Christi Kelly Jeanette Isbell Taylor Metz

A Quorum was not established with only 3 of 7 present

Planning Staff member Rachel Christenson and Utilities Office Manager Tracie Dodd

Also in attendance was Sam Hosier of 7258 W SR 38

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Old Business Discussed

January 28th minutes were not found in the Google Drive folder and will be approved at next meeting.

5. Old Business

Funding Requests:

A. TORNADO RECOVERY EFFORTS - Canopy Recovery Campaign

1. South Madison Community Foundation Enhancement Grant

- FUNDED (\$9,999)
- Town and Park to match with \$10,001 in 2020
- Funds have been requested to be transferred to the Town

2. INDR-CUF Grant

- FUNDED (\$20,000)
- Project includes inventory update, management software, and \$23,000 worth of tree plantings
- Town to match with \$20,001 (combination of SMCF Enhancement Grant, Town Funds, and Park Funds)
- We will get started in March on getting Davey going on the inventory update

3 Arbor Day Foundation

- FUNDED (\$15,800)
- Project includes 100 trees to plant in the park; 200 trees for private property owners.

Taylor would like to see if Arborist would come for the tree giveaway, possible identify areas where the trees should be planted.

- SMCF says they will add additional funds if we extend offer of trees to homeowners in Fall Creek Township as part of the Arbor Day Foundation.
- Taylor is project chair with first meeting is March 2nd with Carrie from Indiana DNR, Aaron and Denise McKee from the park, Rachel Christenson and Jessica Smith from Town Council. They will discuss plans to link the Bicentennial 200 year celebration with Arbor Day.
- Arbor Day Foundation Event will take place May 9th.

B. Memorial Tree Program

Christi Kelly shared her ideas on how the Memorial Tree Program would be laid out.

Let the donators have some freedom on what they wanted it to say. Persons name or organization in memory of or recognition, a little bio paragraph, any pertinent dates or a simple quote, lyric or scripture and a photo or photos.

Jeanette Isbell shared a copy of Falls Park Memorial Tree Program. They also have a list of trees available for spring planting and fall planting and current cost of the tree. She would like to maybe use some type of software that would allow people to go online and see what memorials we had.

Another idea presented by audience was a brass plaque hammered onto the tree for with a number used as an identifier.

Christi Kelly also hoped we could incorporate special items like the learning tree.

•Comments from the audience

Sam Hosier Eagle Scout Troop 232

His Eagle Scout troop from 2007 went into the park and mapped every existing tree on GPS and the location and species of each tree and who it was in memory of. The park should have record, if not he does. At that time they also marked historic places in the park. Put new tags on all the trees and that time. Thinks there is a great opportunity to use some of the funds with the new trees to be planted to look at what trees are missing from the 2007 survey and possible replace with the same type tree and same location for the loved ones. One of the problems with the

program he felt was the tags placed on the trees. After time they started to cause damage to the trees. That should be kept in mind when deciding what new signage or tags will be used. Program would allow anyone to come to Park Office and ask for directions to a memorial and the park should be able to direct them to the location. He offered his help in any way, said they scouts are always looking to community service opportunities. Suggested padding the price of trees to build funds for building the program.

C.2020 Tree City USA Application

Pendleton Arbor Day Celebration/ Arbor Day Foundation Grant Volunteer Day on May 9th

A5. Community-Wide Tree Event (4 points)

A special, community-wide tree event such as an Arborfest, Dogwood Festival, Oak Festival, etc. was initiated or significantly improved. (An Arbor Day celebration is a standard requirement to qualify for Tree City USA. Therefore, please report here only a community-wide, highly publicized Arbor Day celebration or festival in addition to Arbor Day.) Tree-related activities and/or exhibits must be part of the event

C4. Tree Inventory and Analysis (7 points)

A basic inventory of street and/or park trees was conducted for the first time or updated, and an analysis was performed indicating what conclusions are to be drawn from the inventory: species mix, planting and care needs, etc. (Please enclose copy of the inventory. Or a sample from one neighborhood, and the analysis as documentation.

D9. Plans for Donations (3 points)

Plans were developed or significantly improved for projects such as vest-pocket parks, arboretum improvements, memorial tree groves, woodland acquisitions, etc. to be available in case of unexpected cash donations or similar opportunities.

D. 2020 Pendleton Arbor Day

Pendleton Arbor Day is Scheduled for May 9th, 2020

- Committee Members

Taylor Metz, Carrie Tauscher, Arron Burris, Denise McKee, Jessica Smith, Sue Patterson and Rachel Christenson

- Pendleton Arbor Day will be celebrated with the Arbor Day Foundation Funds we were awarded
- Coordination meeting is scheduled for March 2nd

7. NEXT MEETING

-March 24, 2020

8. Adjournment

-Meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm