

Town of Brunswick

Tree Committee

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

7:00 PM

Zoom

Attendees: Dan Ankeles, Jesse Bishop, John Hodapp, Jane Nichols-Ecker, Dennis Wilson

MINUTES

I. Introductions

II. Old Business

a. Tree Nursery

Dennis is gathering the remaining material to finish the nursery for the official opening, including inside fencing and a gate. There is some signage to be installed as well. The community art pieces have been acquired and he is preparing them for installation. John Hodapp has a number of seedlings that he'd like to donate to the nursery. Dennis Wilson will meet with him.

b. Arbor Week 2022

Arbor Week is May 15 - 21.

Events

- Saturday, May 21, 2022 at TBD - Opening of the Tree Nursery
 - planting demo
 - tree giveaway still TBD due to nursery opening timing
- Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM - Tree Walk Downtown. Meet at Gazebo. Rain or shine
- Monday, May 16, 2022 from 5:30 to 6:00 PM - Tree Spading Demonstration. Location info needed.
- TBD - Sick Tree Day Signups

The Arbor Week Proclamation should be delivered by April 25 in order to be on the agenda for the May 2nd Town Council meeting. Jesse Bishop will attend the council meeting and others from the committee are welcome to attend as well.

III. New Business

a. Committee Charge

The Tree Committee will revisit its charge to expand the scope of what the committee is responsible for. The committee will work on this in between official committee meetings through shared documents and sub-committee meetings. Jesse will find out more details about requirements for posting notice of sub-committee meetings and report back to the committee. Dan Ankeles suggested that the committee consider how to provide input into the creation of ordinances around tree preservation and planting by working collaboratively with other boards and committees. Specific language that can be added to our charge to accomplish this is:

The committee may evaluate and recommend to the Town Council proposed changes to the municipal code of ordinances that advances the goals of tree preservation and tree propagation.

b. Community Outreach

Members of the Town Council have expressed the desire to have the committee become more engaged in community outreach through the town's website and local media outlets, including TV3 and WCME. Dennis Wilson will find out more details about how the committee can use recording equipment for TV3. Jesse will reach out to WCME for more information. The committee discussed some ideas for specific programming that could be created, new public events to be held, and the desire to capture all scheduled public events on video where possible. The committee will work offline in between meetings to brainstorm other ideas for community engagement. The ideas discussed at the meeting include:

- New Community Events (to be recorded if possible)
 - Chamberlain Ave Esplanade Tour following reforestation efforts (likely in the fall)
 - Fall Tree walk
- Recording of Existing Community Events
 - Arbor Week Tree Walk
 - Arbor Week Nursery Opening
 - Arbor Week Tree Planting Demo
 - Arbor Week Air Spading Demo
- New, specific content to be created
 - Tree pruning demo

- Emerald Ash Borer Info
- Browntail Moth Update
- Winter Browntail Moth Nest Removal Demo
- “Brunswick Tree Moments” for WCME
- Interviews with local and state tree staff

John Hodapp suggested that the committee should look into whether the capped landfill would be available for tree planting. It would be an opportunity to plan and plant specific species and that the site could eventually become a park. Dennis Wilson will reach out to Public Works for more info.

IV. Other Business

None

V. Establish Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Tree Committee will be Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7 PM on Zoom.