

Village of Glendale
Urban Forestry Board Minutes
February 23, 2023 – 3:00 PM

Call to order and opening

- Chairman Arleen Hoeweler called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM and announced the meeting had been properly posted.
- Chairman Arleen Hoeweler also announced that a quorum was present including the following 4 voting members: Arleen Hoeweler, Joe Moravec, Joe Hubbard, and Pete Cassinelli.
- Nonvoting Council member: Amy Baldrige, Chairwoman of Recreation and Playground Committee was present.
- Residents and other individuals present: Martin Sinnott, President of GHP and Liz Brugman,

Approval of minutes

- Minutes of the previous meeting of January 18, 2023, were read and amended to correct the spelling of Liz Brugman's name and correct the date of last meeting from February 18 to February 23. It was then moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting as amended. The motion was approved by unanimous vote .

Financial Report

- Not provided

Tree Maintenance

- Pete Cassinelli reported for Tom Alderfer that there is ongoing tree maintenance to the greenbelt beginning with previous removal of ash trees, removal of honeysuckle and bushhogging the ground to keep the invasive species under control. More recently, limbs were removed from the trees to a height of 11 ft. to allow equipment to keep the invasives under control.
- Amy Baldrige asked if the UFB had a plan for the greenbelts. In reply, it was stated that we have no specific plans other than to include the greenbelts in our tree planting schedule and removal of dead trees and efforts to control invasive species.

Tree Planting 2023

- Pete stated that 44 trees were removed this year of which 20 were in the greenbelts. He is in the process of finalizing the approximately 40 trees to be planted for 2023. A map was included showing the tentative placement of the trees. He also offered to take any Board member around to see the potential sights.
- It was noted that several residents along Oak Road have expressed concern about the visibility of the lights from the commercial buildings and the buildings themselves in Woodlawn, particularly in the winter. In response to these concerns, the committee thought it advisable to include some evergreens in the greenbelt to help provide a visual barrier.

Arboretum status

- The final tree labels received from Joe Castrucci dated February 20 were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the wording and design on the afore mentioned 68 labels . The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The Village is now authorized to set up QR codes for each individual tree in the Village database and issue the previously authorized purchase order to MetalPhoto for production of the tree labels.

Fund Raising

- Chairman Arleen Hoeweler proposed two dates for the Arboretum Fund Raiser. The Board selected Oct. 7 as the first choice and Oct. 21 as a backup date. Arleen than described some ideas she has for the event. More details will be forthcoming.

GHP Museum Exhibit

- Martin Sinnott stated that GHP would like an exhibit on Glendale trees and the Arboretum for their 3rd Quarter exhibit. This will begin in August and run through the fall. It was agreed that the Board will be working with GHP to develop this exhibit. Arleen mentioned the cost of doing this project. Martin Sinnott, president of GHP, said that GHP will assume the costs incurred by UFB for the exhibit.

General

- Amy Baldrige had a meeting with the Mill Creek Alliance about the feasibility of using Glendale and particularly the southern greenbelts as part of the Tri State Trails. This is a system of bike trails connecting the parks and cities in the Mill Creek watershed area. A map was provided. Amy was very positive about the trails to connect with our neighboring communities and enhance the attractiveness of Glendale. This project is currently in the preliminary stages. Details of the actual path location through the greenbelt, and costs are not available. Amy did mention from previous paths that have been built that they are about 16 ft. wide and are a paved surface. The Board thanked Amy for her comments. Discussion followed, and it was concluded that the size and expense of this project is out of the scope of the Urban Forestry Board. However, whatever proposal is adopted by Council for development of the greenbelts, the UFB will support the Council's decision. The UFB would like to actively participate in the planning for any tree removal or planting to enhance any trails planned through the Greenbelts.

In reference to what was earlier discussed to help hide lights and buildings in Woodlawn, any evergreen planting should be placed as close to the south border to minimize the chance of future tree removal for a proposed path.

- Martin Sinnott also asked the UFB for an article about the history of trees for the GHP newsletter. The deadline is April 30, and it needs to be less than 400 words and include a couple photographs. Joe Hubbard volunteered to work with GHP on this article.

- Arleen announced the annual Tree City USA awards luncheon in Fairfield on April 20. She would like members of the UFB to attend.

- Since there was no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:40. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The next meeting will be April 13, 2023 at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Moravec