

**Village of Glendale**  
**Urban Forestry Board Minutes**  
**June 15, 2023 – 3:00 PM**

**Call to order and opening**

- Chairman Arleen Hoeweler called the meeting to order at 3:00 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, Chairman; Don Lofty, Mayor; Joe Moravec and Joe Castrucci.
- Nonvoting attendees: Tom Alderfer, Village Service Manager

**Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of the previous meeting of April 13, 2023 were sent to the voting members prior to the June 16 meeting for their review. It was then moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Tree Maintenance and Village Projects**

- Tom Alderfer, Village Service Manager informed the Board of several actions that occurred since the last meeting:
  - JTL pruning along the railroad tracks: Tom was informed by CSX that they would be removing all the JTL trees along the tracks in their right of way. Tom was able to convince them to prune rather than remove. This cost to the Village \$2,000 for 76 trees pruned and 5 dead or dying trees removed. However, most importantly, the Village was able to preserve the trees along the railroad tracks.
  - Pruning of oak in Carruthers Park (Between North and South Lake Avenues and Congress): Mary Lofty, President of The Glendale Village Crafters, consulted with Tom and had an oak tree near the south sidewalk pruned by Peru Tree service. The garden club paid for this pruning cost of about \$800 from their own funds. The Urban Forestry Board much appreciates their generous contribution to maintain the safety and appearance of our Village tree canopy.
  - New tree planting in the greenbelt: Tom and Bobby Jo Ehlers contacted Tom about planting some trees in the green belt across from their home. They personally paid the costs of planting 2 blue spruces and 2 maples. The Urban Forestry Board much appreciates the Ehlers' generous contribution to enhance the appearance of the green belt and increasing the tree canopy of Glendale.
  - Wild flower plantings: For many years Tom has planted and maintained areas of wild flowers plantings throughout the Village. More recently this project has been assumed by Marla Varmuza and a core of dedicated volunteers. These areas are spread throughout the Village and along the railroad tracks. The Urban Forestry Board is very appreciative of their efforts and dedication to enhance the beauty of our Village landscape.
  - Sapling giveaway: Tom said this year's sapling giveaway was a huge success. There were 600 trees instead of the usual 500 purchased. They were all gone in 10 days instead of the usual 14 days. This is

definitely an activity that the Urban Forestry Board should encourage as a means to increase the tree canopy and to educate the residents about the importance of trees.

- Tree selection for fall planting: The list has not been finalized.

### **Financial Report**

- Not available. However, it was announced that Whit Sims made a contribution to the Urban Forestry Board in memory of Carolyn Beaugrand's mother.

### **Arboretum Status**

- Although David Lumsden was unable to attend the meeting, the order for the labels has been sent to Metal Photo. We are all in the process of editing the final proof before manufacturing. Joe C. has already created the Arboretum specimen map to be used in promotional and educational material. He is working with Joe M. on mapping the other non-labeled trees in the Arboretum. A list of volunteers is evolving to place the labels on the trees. Tom Alderfer will help with placement of the stakes. Once the labels are completed, letters will go out to the residents on E. Fountain that are in the Arboretum. The presidents of the three garden clubs (The Glendale Garden Club, Glendale Village Gardeners and Glendale Village Crafters) will be contacted about the status of the Arboretum and any placement of labels on trees in Rogan Park and the Village square. A member of the Urban Forestry Board hopefully will be able to meet with their members at their Fall meeting to discuss the recent developments in the Arboretum. Once the labels are completed, Joe M. will meet with Kris to properly identify the trees to be labeled.

### **Proctor Fund**

- Mayor Lofty will again this fall, as he has in previous years, apply for financing of \$10,000 for tree planting and \$15,000 for tree maintenance from the Proctor Fund.

### **Fund Raising**

- Arleen has put a lot of effort in trying to come up with a fund-raising event this fall for the debut of the Arboretum. Because Floral Park and the Train Depot are on public property, our options for food are very restricted and cost is also greatly increased. Arleen included the Hamilton County Public Health requirement in the meeting packet. A fall fund raising event is still not determined. However, she does recommend having a public dedication of the Arboretum in October, final date and time to be determined. Her committee will come up with further planning suggestion for the Board's consideration.

- Arleen would like to have a fund-raising garden tour in late spring or early summer 2024. Details are to come later.

### **GHP Museum Exhibit**

- Arleen, as mentioned before, has some ideas for the exhibit and will be coordinating this with GHP. GHP would like to sell T-shirts with the Arboretum logo. There was no objection to this from those present.

**Open Discussion**

- Joe C. noted a lot of animals are killed in what looks like a wildlife crossing on Congress south of the Lyceum. He was asking to see if a wildlife crossing sign could be placed there. Since this is a state route, permission needs to be obtained by the state. Mayor Lofty will look into this.

**Date of Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be August 17 at 3:00 p.m. After the meeting Chairman Hoeweler would like the board members to help set up the GHP exhibit at the train station.

**Adjournment**

- Since there was no further business, a motion was made , seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Moravec