

Morgantown Tree Board (MTB)  
Minutes, regular meeting of March 18, 2013

Present: MTB members Dan Brown, Greg Dahle, Dave Barnett, Jack Cumming, Secretary Jon Weems, Chair Kara Hurst, and city employee Marchetta Maupin.

Chair Kara called the meeting to order at 4:30 in City Council chambers and noted that a quorum was present.

Dan moved and Greg seconded that the minutes of the February 25, 2013 meeting be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

1. National Arbor Day. Celebration of national Arbor Day April 26 at North Elementary is on track. The plan is to distribute take-home seedlings to fourth graders and plant a larger red maple on school grounds. Greg is taking the lead. Still to be determined is the number of fourth graders. Seedlings need to be ordered soon.
2. Contract Labor. No developments.
3. Year of the Tree (YOTT) and Your Community Trust options. Kara and Marchetta met with Judy Kierig to discuss handling possible YOTT income to benefit the Tree Board. Your Community Trust was mentioned as an option, but one with a substantial service charge.
4. Roh Trees. Jack reported meeting with Randy Hudak about the possibility of planting Roh trees on the Evansdale campus. Mr. Roh has okayed this idea.
5. Tree Inventory. Marchetta has been using an Excel printout of the database to update the condition of some trees and has identified several problems on trees in Greenmont, South Park, and the Sunnyside TIFF district, among other places.
6. Tree of the Month. Dan is handling the write-ups for March and April. Jon will do May. There is some uncertainty as to how much text the Dominion-Post wants and when they want it.

New Business

1. Field Trip. The Council chambers portion of the meeting ended at 5:04 and all attendees took a field trip to the Greenmont and Woodburn neighborhoods to consider damage and pruning issues. The recently planted lindens in Greenmont were recently run over by a vehicle. MTB members straightened one, but the other will need to be replaced.

The next meeting was set for 4:30 PM Monday, April 22 in Council chambers.

Jon moved for adjournment. Kara seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.

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Jon Weems