



Minutes

Park Board

Ms. Gibson, Ms. Ott, Ms. Allen, Ms. Williams, Ms. Norden, Ms. Knighton, Ms. Pierson, Ms. Powell, Ms. Wagstaff, Councilman Bruning, John McLenon and Intern Jace Banks (Rosehill), Justin Carroll (Assistant City Administrator), Jesse Kirk (City Arborist)

May 3rd, 2022, at 12:32 Meeting called to order

I. Welcome

II. Approval of Minutes from April 5th, 2022- Minutes approved as corrected, all-in favor.

III. Maintenance Reports

A. Dave Heinen, Grounds Maintenance Contract- No report. Unable to attend.

B. Jesse Kirk, City Arborist- Dave is getting ready to plant approximately 56 trees in street tree locations. We achieved some modest success in deterring geese this year. Only had one pair really utilizing Eisenhower Pond, we spent about two weeks harassing with dogs and noise makers. We have a permit to oil the eggs if they nest. I have compiled a comprehensive list of trees for our area and designated which are appropriate for street tree plantings in Mission Hills. I would like to get it approved so that it can be incorporated onto the website. It can be substantiated with personal observations regarding species characteristics when I have more time over the winter. All members were in favor of adopting the new list, no opposed.

C. John McLenon, Rosehill Gardens- John brought intern Jace Banks. Annuals are doing well. Weather has not been co-operative. Once Heinen pulls the bulbs, Rosehill will get the annuals installed. Discussion moved to questioning if because of the construction along Tomahawk Rd. there were any islands that should be avoided. Decided to do Shell Island last, skip the mandevilla on the towers at Belinder Circle and Park Board Members were instructed to reach out to John with any additional changes.

IV. Old Business-

A. Wenonga Rd./Wenonga Terr. Island Update- Ms. Powell reported that after many on site meetings a planting plan has been settled upon. It includes three crabapples (two pink, one white), urns with annuals, urns with irrigation for annuals, a sitting space, and boxwoods at each corner. Heinen will finish the irrigation and sod then Rosehill will plant. The plan was approved with all in favor.



V. Team and Special Project Reports

A. Mission Hills Homes Company (MHHC)- Ms. Norden reported that there are three projects in the works. Old Riss Island (Mission Dr. and Overhill Rd.), the east end of Brookwood (Nature) Island, and Kauffman Island (Mission Dr. and Indian Ln.). Rosehill has provided estimates, but they are not included in the packet.

- Old Riss Island- Remove old yews and boxwoods. Clean up the existing crabapple.
- Kauffman Island- Several trees have been removed. Will remove remaining declining whitebuds and replace with seven-son multi stem trees. Remove declining/patchy boxwoods shift the bed slightly and utilize plum yews to diversify from boxwoods.
- Nature Island at State Line Rd.- Remove remaining whitebuds, clean up and expose stonework, plant two maples with purple foliage.

Ms. Norden questioned where the money for these projects would come from, Ms. Gibson stated the Park Board will approve the plans and then they can be taken to the home's association for funding. Ms. Gibson also pointed out that the fountain at the east end of Nature Island will need to be re-plumbed to prevent the rust staining. Ms. Gibson motioned to approve the above plans, approved with all in favor.

B. Tomahawk Road Homes Association (TRHA) – Ms. Allen inquired about the approximately \$1700 remaining in the budget asking if it could be put towards irrigating the south end of Eisenhower Pond. Mr. Carroll noted it was what was left from last year. Mr. Kirk said we would get it on Dave Heinen's radar to design the pump system to utilize pond water for the irrigation, but we would need to minimize our footprint on adjacent properties. Ms. Allen questioned Mr. Carroll if the \$9000 was dedicated to the west side plantings, he responded it was and we will be good there but need to find money for the south side.

Discussion moved to the Overhill Rd. cul-de-sac off 68th St. Councilman Bruning informed the group that several of those properties were never platted within the homes association and that there has been a general resistance to joining. Perhaps we can send a letter to recruit the homeowners prior to improving the island.

Ms. Allen added that the tulips on the island at 70th and Belinder were planting incorrectly, instead of planting in a circle they should be planted more like a clover with four pockets. Please call 816-721-6760 24 hours ahead of planting next year so that she can better instruct the process.

C. Indian Hills Homes Association (IHHA)- Ms. Gibson and Mr. Kirk discussed clean up and maintenance at Peetwood and Hiawassee Parks, particularly in the channel and along the banks. Also, the statuary on the island at 63rd and Aberdeen Rd. was damaged by either strong winds or a vehicle. Paul Benson can easily repair at a minimal cost.



VI. New Business

- A. Next Meeting June 7th at 12:30 in the City Hall Chambers.

Meeting Adjourns