

Lanesborough Tree & Forest Committee

Minutes of Meeting – June 8, 2015

In attendance: Jim Neureuther, Paula Brydy, Anne Pasko

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and submitted to Town Clerk
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. General Fund Balance \$0.00 (all used up. \$43.47 paid toward \$220 Invoice for magnets)
 - b. Revolving Fund Balance \$5377.08
 - i. +\$500 donation Walter and Anne Pasko for 2 commemorative trees
 - ii. +\$250 donation Paula and Harold Byrby for 1 commemorative tree
 - iii. +\$250 Jeanne` Giddens & Burce Ronan for 1 commemorative tree
 - iv. -(\$176.53) paid toward \$220 invoice for King Elmer magnets
4. 250th Commemorative Tree Plantings
 - a. 13 Trees to date (8 paid. 5 commitments made)
 - i. Paid: Ralph/Sue Shulman, Lee/Joann Hauge, Carrie/David Shulman, Carrie Miedema/siblings, Jeanne` Giddens/Bruce Ronan, Paula/Harold Byrby, Walter/Anne Pasko (2 trees),
 - ii. Commitments: Jim/Donna Neureuther, Frances/Martins Connors Foundation (2 trees), Robert/Lynn Petricca (2 Trees)
 - b. Select Trees to Plant & who will plant them (any Other thoughts?)
 - i. Jim met Brian Wallace (Dalton, 413-281-0924) \$35/hr. If Jim helps 3 ?days (\$900?) + mulch. Hand dig. Amend soil & avoid stakes (only if needed). Issues w backhoe digs. The Committee agreed to hire Brian Wallace for this work and he has pencilled in he end of June, early July to do the plantings.
 - ii. Jim dug test plugs at Laston. Wet soil across bridge. Wet/clay path. Loam past poplars
 - iii. Elhannon will give 20% discount. Delivery cost ~\$150. ~1 wk notification. OK to invoice
 - iv. Make Selection List with alternates (in case not available in 2" size)

The following trees were selected and Jim was charged with ordering them:

Qty 2 Star Magnolia (M agnolia Stellata "Royal Star") 8'-10'

Qty 2 Flowering Dogwood Red flowers (Cornus Florida "Comco No.1 Cherokee Brave") page 9

Qty 1 Sugar Maple (Acer Saccharum, "Commemoration") page 5

Qty 1 Tupelo/Black Gum (Nyssa Sylvatica) page 19

Qty 1 Tulip Tree (Liliodendron Tulipifera) page 15

Qty 1 Ginkgo Balboa "Princeton Sentry" Maidenhair Tree page 12

Qty 1 Linden (Tilia Americana X Euclora "Redmond") page 29

Qty 1 Goldrush Dawn Redwood (Metasequoia Glyptostroboides "Goldrush") page 19

Qty 1 Northern Catalpa (Catalpa Speciosa) page 8

Qty 1 Honeylocust (Gleditsia Triacanthos Var Inermis "Skyline") page 13 (Note: our first choice would be "Sunburst" if available in smaller size like 2")

Qty 1 Yellow Wood (Claderastus). The Elhannon Catalog does not list this tree. If you do have it in our desired size (~2") we would like to plant one. If Yellow Wood is not in the inventory we would then like one Red Oak (Quercus Rubra) page 27.

5. Fundraising Activity : Sell 58 King Elmer Magnet (100 start- 37 gifts Arbor Day kids/staff, 5 Tree Comm)

a. Display Board for Magnet Sales is done. Schedule Sales at PO. Also give 5 to each member to sell to friends/etc. Hope we need to reorder more.

6. Arbor Day: Wrapup

a. 9:00 to 10:30. 45 min inside then outside. Right amount time. 32 kids

b. Education: Tree types (arboretum), age (rings w handouts), height (flag tape), sing-a-long (w props), gift (King Elmer magnet)

c. Comments/suggestions for things to do different next time. Paula suggested that we have a rain program planned in advance.

7. Other Old/New Business

a. Update Volunteer time & Expense items Currently at 150 hrs in 2015

b. Tree Maintenance Laston trees weeded, mulched, watered. 2 sycamores at Laston dead. Damaged maple doing OK w some dead wood. Oak at Skyline byway still alive. Weeding at Arboretum (not bad)

c. Open Meeting compliance training status

d. Town Meeting. Finance Committee agrees with our increase funding to \$500 for FY16. Get your Town Report and attend for many reasons.

Respectfully submitted:

Anne W. Pasko,

Secretary