

## LIVINGSTON TREE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING February 17, 2022, Zoom

### MINUTES

**Attendance:** Marshall Swearingen, Lisa Harreld, Tom Shands, Maureen Lighthiser, Melissa Nootz, Laurel Desnick, Dan Baker

**Approval of Minutes:** Marshall made a motion to approve minutes from January 20, 2022. Laurel seconded. All in favor.

#### Old Business:

- **Arbor Day event planning** – Sarah suggested it would be helpful to have Farm to School be involved in caring for the trees if they were planted at Washington School. She will check with them and see if they would be willing to care for the trees in the summer. It would be a good fit to partner with Farm to School and involve the city for the tree planting event. PCEC would also possibly be willing to help with the event and involve the students at the school.

#### New Business:

- **Discuss/Approve/Deny – Recommendation for change to bylaws** – Current bylaws direct the secretary to make the agenda. The recommendation was made for the Chair to set the agenda. Laurel made a motion to change the bylaws for the Chair to set the agenda. Maureen seconded. All in favor.
- **Discuss/Approve/Deny – Membership renewal application of Lisa Harreld** – Marshall made a motion to recommend approval of Lisa Harreld's membership application. Laurel seconded. All in favor.
- **Discuss/Approve/Deny – Lisa made a motion to recommend Marshall to be Chair of the committee for another year.** Laurel seconded. All in favor. Marshall made a motion to recommend Laurel as Vice Chair. Maureen seconded. All in favor. Laurel made a motion to table recommendation for Secretary. Marshall seconded. All in favor.
- **Discuss/Approve/Deny – background and goals for Park Street tree planting** – The city is in discussion about plans for Park Street improvement as a whole. Park Street is also in the strategic plans for the Tree Board. The Tree Board would like to be part of the planning. The Trails committee is involved as it is a main thoroughfare, heavily trafficked and a route to school. Trees would add aesthetic and traffic calming benefits to the corridor. The Tree Board would be an important partner, along with Active Transportation, Trails Committee, Zoning Board and other interested parties. The Tree

Board will be another important partner. Marshall will draft a letter to the city requesting a meeting among all the partners to discuss vision for Park Street as our main corridor.

○ **Board comments –**

- **Tom** – Tom reported on the PCEC fundraising and tree planting efforts. So far there are 60 applicants for free trees. The trees will come from Shields Valley Farm and Nursery. Americorp volunteers will be here beginning about May 9 to help with planting, mulching etc.
- **Sarah** – Park Electric will be offering an electrical safety workshop next week.
- **Tom** – the city is removing and replanting trees and he wonders how the decisions are being made and how to get more trees into the areas that don't have trees.
- **Dan Baker** – They have the city broken down into sections for determining where to plant trees.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm. Next meeting March 17, 2022, via zoom or in person