

Maplewood Village Tree & Landscape Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Present: Co-chairs Leo Beebout (Building 3) and Carl Pickett (Building 5); Bob Mann (Building 3); Dale Moser (Building 1); Butch Snyder (Building 4); Nancine DeHaan (Building 5); and Charles Wright (Building 5).

Leo called the meeting in the Loft of the Lodge to order at 3 p.m. and handed out copies of his Agenda for our meeting. He reported that the current balance in our account is \$1,121.89. Replacing yews damaged by our severe winter was the first item on his Agenda. There was a discussion about where first to plant new yews. It was decided to place two yews at the west end of Building 3.

Leo then skipped to the second item on his New Business list: The remaining junipers on the north side of Building 5 where we planted the ornamental pear tree (at the south end of the garden). Dale asked if there is something better than Junipers we could plant there? Carl said that he's been thinking about that. Leo said he thinks we should plant something that stays green all year round. Carl recommended Gold Mound Spirea and said the junipers could be removed and three Spirea replace them. He showed us a photo of this Spirea and said they are low maintenance,

At this point Leo showed us the chain and wrench he bought for our WORK jaw saw and passed it around.

The Autumn Blaze tree, (a gift to Maplewood from the Duminys in Building 3), discussed at our last two meetings has been purchased and planted behind Building 3.

Next on Leo's Agenda was the planting of more Hostas. Nancine said Hostas should be transplanted in the fall. She added that she has also planted some in early spring but fall works better.

The disposal of tree trimmings and limbs has become an issue. We have been informed by Ankeny Disposal that these should not go into our dumpsters but be placed into paper bags and be transported to Ankeny's Disposal site on Magazine Road. It was said this includes refuse removed from our garden plots. It was suggested that we could load a trailer of our limbs, etc. and haul them to the disposal site. Asked about the fee for disposal at the site, Butch said it varies on the size of the load and he has paid \$20-\$25 to dispose there in the past. Bob guessed the TLC would probably spend only \$200 a year for what we haul there.

Leo next spoke of trees we need to remove: the flowering crabapple on the west side of the Lodge and the dead one at the east end of Building 4 will soon be removed.

Butch suggested that we not do anything with Mill Pond at this time – nothing with trees or anything else. He said that the MV Board of Directors is meeting with Mallard Creek's Board tomorrow (Thursday, the 13th) to discuss issues we are having with Mill Pond and it has been proposed that we write a letter to their office in Minneapolis. He said the City of Ankeny has sent representatives here, without explanation, doing measurements and taking photos. Butch said we have a lot of questions for Mill Pond and hope to get answers from their Minneapolis office. Leo said he is pleased to hear this. Maplewood and Mallard Creek have both been saddened by the loss of a close relationship with our Mill Pond neighbor.

Leo asked if there are any ash trees that should be removed. Dale and Butch remarked that if an ash tree is alive and doing well we should leave it alone. We should just trim out dead limbs and trim a little out of the canopy of our ash trees. Leo added that we need to trim dead limbs from our maples in the boulevard. Carl remarked that we have dead limbs that need removed from trees all around our grounds, including our oaks.

Charles said he had a gardener friend go with him to Earl May's on Memorial Day where he purchased two bee balms that the friend planted for us at the east end of our prairie garden. This was in response to an anonymous request Leo mentioned at our last meeting that he received from a resident who wrote that she would like to see something added to our garden area which would attract endangered Monarch butterflies. Butch said that one of our garden ladies has begun weeding and caring for our Prairie Garden and is interested in attracting butterflies. Leo said that he has some milkweeds he will transplant in this garden as soon as they are big enough.

Thank you notes have been sent to Darwin and Jan Duminy (Building 3); Roger and Shirley Kjellberg (Building 4); and Cheryl Carlson (Building 3) for their recent gifts to the TLC.

Carl said Building 3 has some tall trees from which he tried to trim dead limbs but could not reach the highest limbs even with our new saw with its two extensions. He asked for some help with this task.

Treating ash trees: There are 18 ash trees on our list needing treatment: 17 behind Building 5 and one in front of Building 5. We have in our budget only \$650 for this chore. It was advised that we treat as many of these trees as we can

afford this year and wait until next year when Manager Davis has the time needed to be certified before we treat the remainder. We decided it is too expensive to use a tree service to do this.

The Dwarf Mugo pines we planted among our mature mugos along SE Delaware have all died.

Leo asked about the possibility of recruiting volunteers from each of our Buildings to pick up limbs from their lawns. Every time the wind blows we have sticks littering our grounds. It was suggested we might politely request a few volunteers in each building to pick them up and put them in a pile near their Building where Maintenance can collect them. Ideas of how best to enlist recruits were discussed. Leo asked Bob to help him compose a request to post on Building bulletin boards.

We are in need of something planted at the east end of Building 1. Carl recommended the Golden Mound Spirea. Leo asked about a Boxwood. Nancine said Boxwoods grow slow and Carl said they are expensive. Nancine reminded us that we learned the Golden Dome Spirea is hardy and low-maintenance and said we should take Carl's suggestion and plant one there.

It was noted that Chlorosis is again showing up in our oak trees. This is evidenced by their leaves starting to turn yellow. We still have some treatment in storage that we should begin using.

Working more weekdays: Carl and Dale are out working on our grounds nearly every nice day. Leo suggested they would welcome company if you want something to do. Carl said there are always things to be done. Bob said he can occasionally be available.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Wright, Secretary