

TLC Meeting
8-14-2023
Minutes

Present: Bob and Darlene Roeder, Gail Pedersen, Kim Oswald, Pat Turner, Bob Mann
Others Present: Carl Pickett

Agenda:

1. Gail's review of TLC records:
 - a) Misc. items were discarded from old records (Bob & Gail determined this.). ie., old documents, notes, mission statements from past,etc.
 - b) Numerous files will be retained and maintained in the Maplewood Office, ie., previous TLC meetings, information on various type trees, diseases, etc..
 - c) Gail summarized a listing of Memorial and Standard (non-designated) giving from 2018 to 5/31/2023 . To his knowledge all donations for memorials have been satisfied, with a current balance of \$1,937.94 remaining.

2. Review “Updated Tree & Landscape Statement” (Board initiated/approved 6/16/2023):
 - a) The committee read this statement and agreed with the information presented.
 - b) See below, however, the thoughts conveyed concerning the Adopt-a-Tree program.

3. Review of Adopt-a-Tree Program (proposal dated 8/24/2015):
 - a) The committee read the Adopt-a-Tree tree reference;
 - b) Bob expressed concern that he felt it is rather convoluted and could be simplified;
 - c) After a good bit of discussion it was agreed that we might want to recommend some changes to the Board ... Simplify, remove references to dollars, and possibly change or remove some information.
 - d) Gail and Bob agreed to work on a draft re-write of the program, review with the committee, and potentially forward suggested changes to the Board for consideration.

4. Other Items:
 - a) Labeling of Trees
 - Some people in the past has suggested labeling the trees (kind of tree);
 - Gail shared that we could purchase 3x5 Laminated Tags – Approximately \$32 for 20 tags;
 - The committee agreed to **not** pursue this at this time.
 - b) Mulching of Trees
 - Gail's research of old files found an article concerning the mulching of trees;
 - It is recommended that we create what's called a Tornado Effect – depressing the mulch nearest the trunk;
 - Carl also suggested the mulch be tapered at the root line.
 - c) Fund Raising
 - Bob reported having attended the last Social Committee meeting and was told they did

- not have any current plans for a Fund Raiser for the TLC;
 - Lee Thompson (Chairman of the Social Committee), however, recently told Bob that they would be taking up this issue at their next committee meeting;
 - The TLC decided not to consider our own fund-raiser until after knowing of the Social Committee's plans.
- d) Other Issues the committee members might have?
- Bob mentioned the unsightly dead tree in front of building 2;
 - He wondered if the Board might consider at least taking down 1 or 2 unsightly and publicly visible dead trees;
 - Kim said this would likely not be considered feasible for now since our resources are limited.
 - Use of current available dollars:
 - Gail mentioned the need for a blower (ex. When trimming bushes)
 - Trimmer's may need a good cleaning or replacement
 - Replacing Trees
 - We hope to start replacing trees this Fall.
 - Gail spoke of how he really likes the Commemoration Sugar Maple in front of the Lodge. He'd like to see this kind of tree eventually replace the Ash trees in the entry boulevard of MV.
 - Carl was asked if he would give thought to recommending the type trees and locations. We appreciate his willingness to do this.
 - Additional Tree Trimming's needed
 - Soft Maple – SE of building 6
 - Big Maple next to fence – SE of building 5
 - Pin Oak - South of lodge – cut off 2 limbs only
 - Ash – E of building 5/East of Electric box
 - Red Bud – West of Lodge – 1 large limb dying
 - Above are all in addition to many trees also identified for trimming.

Next Meeting: Bob did not set a date with the committee since he and Trudy will be on a cruise the 2nd Monday of next month. He will get back to the committee on this. It will probably be either September 4 or September 25?