

**TREE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Bay Village City Hall
October 13, 2015**

Members Present: Patzwahl, Mahoney, Council Representative Tadych

Not Present: Graham, Pim, Polinski, Shutt

The Tree Commission meeting began at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

Minutes – The minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Fundraising - There was a lengthy discussion on fundraising, recognition of donors, other cities' websites, and what would be done with funds raised.

Members had been asked to look at other city websites to see how donations for the tree program were handled. Suggestions for the fundraising program were discussed. One idea was to have a specific goal for donations requested. Other ideas include corporate donations being used to plant on a specific street and possibly sponsoring the trees. Matching donations was another idea. Corporate could also donate funds to plant trees honoring employees.

A suggestion was made to acknowledge the different levels of donations in a specific area of the park which could be used for the Arbor Day Commemoration. This could be the "recognition" area for all donations. Several suggestions were discussed, such as using a marble slab and engraving names each year. Another suggestions was have the marble or wood slab flat on the ground and add names of those who have donated each year. Other ideas included placing plaques on a carved tree; using wrought iron fence with bushes around it; having a stamped concrete pad with a tree stamped into it. Other materials suggested were brick, PVC material (Azek); Another suggestion was to maybe have a patio with benches and trees with pillars for names of donors; or having a tree etched in glass with donor names etched on the tree each year. Mr. Mahoney will look into the wrought iron to check on cost. He will also try to find out about using glass, how thick it should be and how to keep it clean.

Tree Commission members were asked to think about some of the ideas discussed for the next meeting, along with how to implement them and maintain them.

Members were also asked to think of ways to solicit funds and the goals for donations made.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

The next Tree Commission meeting will be on November 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Moore

Jackie Moore, Secretary