

## TREE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Date and Time:** September 13, 2018, 6:00 PM  
**Location:** One Renaissance Center-345 High Street  
First Floor-City Council Chambers

### **I. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Armand Bloch, William Huber, Emily Fuhrman, Dan Gladish, Louise Jewett, Terie Grant

**Members Absent:** Harold Gentry.

**Other Attendees:** Dave Bienemann, Andy Weltzer and Teagan Kleman

### **II. Board Minutes:**

The minutes of the August 2018 meeting were approved as emailed.

Moved: Louise Jewett

Seconded: Terie Grant

### **III. Old Business:**

Urban Site identification - Buck and Armand requested training for our work which needs to be completed by November 15.

### **IV. Arborist's Report:**

Arborist Report - Dave gave us updates on current and past interns, including new intern, Emily Gurr, who will be working up to 20 hours per week and updating the TreeKeeper database. Dave said the hiring process for new interns can take nearly 12 weeks.

He reviewed all the tree work being completed for the city's capital and new construction projects, including 600 utility pole replacements, new landscaping on construction and working with multiple new businesses entering Hamilton, and the south Hamilton CSX railroad crossing, to be completed in November.

Asplundh has finished work for the area served by substation 12 and has started on the substation 8 area, which covers from Millville Avenue to Southern Hills. They will also be working on the areas under the high voltage lines to Greenup and Meldahl.

150 new trees will be planted this fall on/in east side streets and parks. Dave and Andy noted that where new trees are located, residents tend to spruce up their yards.

Dave will present "Drones as a Community Forestry Tool" at a conference in Athens, Ohio, on September 20 and will attend Asian Longhorn Beetle training the next day in Bethel.

The DNR wants us to be synchronized with other cities across the state using infra-red technology which will require a new programmable drone being built at Wright Patterson and capable of flying 75 mph. This will save the city significant expense on the previously required 3 x yearly helicopter flights for checking utility lines.

Dave said that a fire blight is attacking species related to the rose family, including callery pears.

**VI. New Business:**

Louise and Emily were appointed by City Manager to their second three-year terms on the tree board.

EEO forms for the city - nearly everyone has completed the online NeoGov training process.

Dan Gladish is presenting a “Plant Blind” program at the 50th anniversary of Miami Hamilton on Saturday, September 15.

Upcoming Tree Board seminars will be on Tuesday, September 25, Plant Propagation and Tree Pruning, and Thursday, November 15, Root Morphology and Butterfly & Hummingbird Garden Design.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

Moved: Armand Bloch

Seconded: Dan Gladish

The next meeting of the Hamilton Advisory Tree Board meeting will be on October 11, 2018 jointly with Fairfield Beautification Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Fuhrman