

Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 19th, 2022

12:00 pm

Zoom Meeting – the public and non-committee members may contact bbirchfield@bentonvillear.com to request participation via Zoom.

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AGENDA

OPEN MEETING - Meeting is being recorded.

1. ***Meeting Summary Approval – April 21, 2022**

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Tree Protection & Preservation Summary – Tyler Overstreet**
3. **[2021 Tree Canopy](#) Assessment Review**
4. **Landscape of the Month Nominations**

ADJOURN MEETING

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Guest Speaker

- Morgan Keeling – Illinois River Watershed

Guest Attendees

- Pam Morgan
- Janet Paith

1. *Meeting Summary Approval – March 17, 2022

- Baylea called the meeting to order

NEW BUSINESS

2. Morgan Keeling – Illinois River Watershed Partnership

- Morgan is working with a lot of the neighborhoods, to discuss more storm water runoff
- Morgan provided details on how to conserve the Illinois River and provided highlights of the nature around the area
- Discussion and questions
- A group called 'The Friends of the Little Sugar' (Ron Miller) will be a group that Stephen will be reaching out to see what the group is involved in currently
- Janet Paith gave Morgan more details on who to reach out to for Benton County.

- Baylea will make sure that Morgan and Janet have each other's emails.

3. *Tree Campus K-12 program

- Baylea provided more details about the Tree Campus. Schools are being reached out to regarding this program
- The Arbor Day Foundation started promoting this to highlight education for tree preservation and tree planting
- Hopefully, next year the committee will be able to participate in the event with the community as a whole
- Discussion was had amongst the committee members

4. *Tree Giveaway – Saturday, April 23rd

- Baylea went over the plan for the event
- Baylea confirmed everyone's job duties for the event

5. Landscape of the Month Nominations

- Baylea provided more details
- Everyone should keep an eye out for a yard that they would like to nominate
- Baylea is finalizing the signage for the yard

OLD BUSINESS

6. Joint-Meeting re-cap

- [Click here](#) for the link to 2021 Tree Canopy Assessment
- Public education and engagement
- Baylea will confirm when the next joint meeting will be

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