

Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council Minutes

Kenton County Extension Center, Durr Annex, May 20, 2009

- Roll Call – DJ Scully, Stacey Hans, Rick E. Horn, Steve Meyers, Steve Skaggs, Kris Stone, Tom Davis; Jenny Gulick, Andrea Dee, Marsha Bach
- Approval of April Meeting Minutes – Steve Meyers moved to approve the April meeting minutes, seconded by Rick Horn. Motion carried.
- Approval of May Treasurers Report – Rick Horn moved to approve the May Treasurers report, seconded Steve Myers. Motion carried
- Treasurers Report – Total disbursements \$50.22. The total receipts were \$304.00. Ending balance on May 20, 2009 was \$58,281.49.

Old Business

ISA Certified Arborist Program - DJ Scully reported on activity to find interested and qualified applicants; he will be publicizing the program soon and may use the resources and contacts in Constant Contact.

TIOC Grant Progress report - Council representatives for applicants will call recipients in June and report progress at July Council meeting. Projects must be completed by November 1, 2009.

Constant Contact / Council Website Update - Rick reported the several items on the Council's website home page and content pages need to be updated and that he will contact NKU-CAE about the specific items. Rick also reported that no one has unsubscribed from our Constant Contact service and that he is aware there are still some glitches to resolve.

Reforest Northern Kentucky 2009 Wrap-Up – Andrea Dee reported that over 200 people participated and over 40 of them were small children. Signage has yet to be placed, but will be soon. The committee has debriefed and discussed logistics to share with the 2010 subcommittee.

Marketing Program – Logo Development – Tom Davis reported on more details related to the project of redesigning the Council's logo to give council a more identifiable image. Several designers were contacted, but Council agreed to enter into an agreement with Lindsey Yeager (the person who designed the Boone County Arboretum logo) to create the Council's. The agreement will be that she consider the colors and design of the Council website and brochure for continuity and that she provide drafts for council's consideration in July with the final decision made in October before the Community Dinner event. A motion was made by Rick Horn that the project not exceed \$500; Kris Stone seconded the motion and it carried with no objections.

By-Laws Committee Meeting Report – DJ Scully submitted the subcommittee's suggested revisions for consideration. The major topic of discussion was the definition of a 'quorum.' The current draft of the revised by-laws will be distributed to the general membership for review.

New Business

Reforest Northern Kentucky 2010 Boone County Site - Boone County Urban Forestry Commission has agreed to support this project. Several sites are under consideration in the Gunpowder Creek watershed and on Ryle High School property. The Boone County Urban forestry commission will decide on a location at their May meeting and inform the Council for their final approval.

Fall Dinner Topic – This item was tabled. A new idea was presented that an award to a community with a strong or growing urban forestry program be given at the 2009 event. The recognition would also include a tree and media coverage.

KY Division of Forestry Update – Jenny Gulick related items from Sarah Gracey: a. Grant funds are limited, but if funds are available that she would like the Council to consider hosting the 2010 Tree Board Seminar; b. No Stimulus (ARRA) funds have yet been released for urban forestry projects in KY; c. She suggested the Council consider partnering on and applying for a USFS Redesign Program grant in October for 2010; she will provide more information on this in the future.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting June 18th, 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Molly Malone's in Covington