

## **Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council Minutes**

**Campbell County Extension Center, August 19, 2009**

- Roll Call – Don and Mary Martha Girton, Mike Klahr, Steve Meyers, DJ Scully, Sarah Gracey, Kris Stone, Bill Theis, Geoff Egbers, Cecelia Barker, Jason Roberts, Tom Davis; Jenny Gulick, Marsha Bach
- Approval of July Meeting Minutes – Cecelia Barker moved to approve the July meeting minutes, seconded by Mike Klahr. Motion carried.
- Approval of August 18th Treasurers Report – Marsha Bach moved to approve the August Treasurers report, seconded DJ Scully. Motion carried. Treasurers Report – Total disbursements were \$1,250.00. The total receipts were \$0.00. Ending balance on August 19, 2009 was \$50,947.64.

### **Old Business**

Marketing Program- Logo Development - Lindsey Jaeger could not attend. Presentations were made of the highest rated designs

Fall Dinner Update - Steve Meyer reported on update and accomplishments of subcommittee. Speakers are confirmed, SD #1 will produce annual report booklet, and awards will be given. Advertising and final details will be accomplished

Reforest NKY 2010 Boone County Site - Kevin Costello/Kris Stone reported that the Boone County Urban Forestry Commission will have a meeting with Boone County Board of Education on August 25th to discuss details about using Ryle High School complex for this event. Site inspections have been made to see planting sites and review logistics.

ISA Certified Arborist Program - DJ Scully reported that examinations are set in various locations in Kentucky (none in Northern Kentucky). Nominations have been made for candidates and at least one is confirmed. There will be no arborist training class this year, but will be scheduled in February, 2010.

TIOC Grant Progress Report – Tabled; subcommittee not represented.

Constant Contact / Council Website Update– Tabled; subcommittee not represented.

By-Law Revisions Committee Report – DJ Scully reported on Council member comments made about by-law revisions and suggestions. By-laws will be re-circulated in advance of a formal presentation made by DJ Scully at the September meeting for final comments and adoption. Discussion ensued about the “voting by proxy,” definition of a “majority” or quorum, Executive Committee membership for voting purposes.

### **New Business**

State of the Grant fiscal 2010 Options/Opportunities - Sarah Gracey reports that the budget has not been finalized yet. Likely the amount will be the same as FY2008/2009 - \$200,000; this leaves very little funds for grant-funded projects.

State Tree Board Seminar 2010 - Sarah Gracey will be advertising this project “for bid” in Tree Line. Paul Reis can provide most of the program content. The Council will likely apply.

2010 Redesign Grant Project - Sarah Gracey met with Don Girton and Mary Katherine Dickerson about a project for Campbell, Kenton, and Boone Counties involving the Division of Conservation to study farmland and forests for planning purposes. The pre-proposal will be submitted for review and consideration by the State Forester.

Public Workers Tree Seminar 2010 - Steve Meyer reported that on March 11, 2010 the next Public Workers Seminar will be held at Kenton County Extension office. Major instructors may be from Ohio State University with a program emphasis on diagnostics. It will still be held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting of the Northern KY Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

Social Networking – Sarah reported on a Georgia project called “The Georgia Grove.” It is a targeted messaging campaign to citizens and young families/professionals. It is a “Green social networking” site. A “Kentucky Grove” site has been secured and should come on-line in late 2009 or early 2010. It will be a fund-generating mechanism to support tree planting projects. It was suggested that the Council act as the non-profit organization that can accept, hold, and distribute any donations from this project. Kris Stone made a motion that the Council support KDOF’s preliminary efforts for this project and to act as non-profit partner. Mike Klahr seconded the motion. Discussion ensued and the motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Sarah provided EAB t-shirts to attendees, offered printed copies of the Lower Midwest Tree Guide, and made suggestions for the Council’s website

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting September 16th, 11:45am at the Kenton County Extension, Durr Annex**