

**BROWN DEER BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 9, 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
HELD BY PHONE DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Quirk at 6:34 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Present: Trustee Julie Quirk, Chris Loebach, Percy Robertson, Kelly Graham, Sarah Bork, Jennifer Rochefort, Bev Lieven

Also, Present: Matthew Maederer; Director of Public Works, Erika Petras, Department of Public Works

Unexcused: Percy Robertson

II. Persons Desiring to be Heard

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes: August 11, 2020 - Virtual Meeting

It was moved by Ms. Bork and seconded by Ms. Lieven to approve the August 11, 2020 virtual meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously with Trustee Quirk abstaining.

IV. Review of Submitted Landscape Plans

A) W. Brown Deer Road/ STH 100 Streetscape Plans

Mr. Maederer provided an overview of the Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) streetscape plans for W. Brown Deer Road/ STH 100. The project begins at Swan Blvd. (91st Street) continuing east to just west of the railroad tracks. Kapur and Associates is the design firm working on this project in conjunction with additional improvement plans in the Original Village. The goal was to keep plantings simple and clean as future maintenance will be the responsibility of the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Loebach commented on the lack of native plantings and suggested adding additional color. Mr. Loebach further questioned dropping fruit from various cultivars, and if it would create debris to clean up.

Trustee Quirk questioned if the Village would need to replace any plants that do not survive. Mr. Maederer stated that the plants will have a one- year warranty and then the Village bears responsibility for replacement.

It was moved by Mr. Graham and seconded by Ms. Bork to approve the landscape plans for W. Brown Deer Road/ STH 100 Streetscape Plans., pending additional information on the variety of color with the current plant choices. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Report of Staff/Committee Members

Mr. Maederer reported on Department of Public Works activities including tree trimming and removal of dead ash trees outside of treatment areas, as well as winter operations. Stump grinding and replacement of trees will take place in spring. Mr. Maederer informed the committee that the Village has once again received the designation of Tree City USA.

Trustee Quirk informed the committee that the Village Board approved the continued Emerald Ash Borer Treatment within a treatment zone in the Park Plaza neighborhood. Mr. Maederer provided background information on the treatment zone and stated that the committee may want to provide the Board with a

recommendation for future treatment. Mr. Maederer will provide additional information at the next meeting. Further discussion will take place as an agenda item at the April meeting.

VI. Unfinished Business

A) Brown Deer in Bloom Landscape Awards Program

Trustee Quirk questioned if the committee wanted to continue with the awards program. It was the consensus to continue. A brief discussion ensued regarding the September celebration, with an outdoor venue being suggested. Further discussion will take place in the months ahead.

VII. New Business

A) Arbor Day/ Earth Day/ Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Clean-Up Day/ Migratory Bird Day

Mr. Maederer suggested celebrating Arbor Day on Friday May 7th as a virtual celebration similar to last year. Ms. Bork and Ms. Lieven were in favor of hosting the event as a normal public celebration on a Saturday morning. Ms. Petras stated that following CDC guidelines, not enough of the population was anticipated to be vaccinated by the beginning of May to safely resume a public celebration. Trustee Quirk stated that final details will be determined at the next meeting.

Trustee Quirk recommended a royal raindrop crab apple, Mr. Loebach suggested a gingko. Further discussion will take place at the April meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Lieven and seconded by Ms. Rochefort to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously at 7:33 p.m.

Erika S. Petras
Department of Public Works