

Urban Forest Council  
Meeting on March 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 11:30am By Ric Stolly

Arbor Day – Ric Stolly

- The planting for Arbor Day has been set for April 24 and will be happening at Lima Senior. They requested that we plant shade trees, so we will plant two large oaks.
- Time is yet to be announced but it most likely will be before or after lunch.
- A media conference will be held April 22

LACNIP Tree Presentation - Bryant Kessler

- Bryant would like to get more pictures of trees in the City of Lima and Allen County to be used in the PowerPoint presentation and in future presentations.
- He asked that we all take pictures of trees this year so we have them in the future.
- Bryant will speak to Autumn about the April 18<sup>th</sup> date so we can start promoting it.

Spring Tree Planting- Ross Vennekotter

- Trees are going to be planted downtown on North, Elm, and Main Streets.
- Existing tree wells will need to be opened up further to insure the health of the trees
- Landscaper will need to plant low growing trees in some sites where there are powerlines. Redbuds would be great for this site as they don't typically grow taller than 15 feet.
- Currently seeing if the construction crews who are doing road work could either leave the current tree wells in place or install new wells where needed
- Would like to see medium sized trees planted along Main and Elm Streets where there are no wires. It would be great if those tree species could be mixed

AEP Report- Steve Young

- AEP is working on tree trimming to help control power outages near the Robb Ave area.

Tree Rebate Program- Casey Heilman

- I have already gotten calls about the rebate program and have scheduled 3 consultations
- I am schedule to be interviewed on WLIO Noon Edition this April and will talk about the tree rebate program
- I plan on sending out a mailing this month to help promote the program

Dangerous Tree – Ric Stolly

- There is a dangerous tree on the corner of Vine and Greenlawn that Bret is looking at taking down

Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 1, 2020 at 11:30am at the Cambridge Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15pm

In Attendance: Ric Stolly, Steve Young, Vince Sarno, Bryant Kesler, Casey Heilman, Bret Caven, and Ross Vennekotter