

**Dean Fund Committee Meeting**  
**May 11, 2010**  
**Wheeler Center**  
**4251 Stone School Rd., Ann Arbor**  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** John Bassett, Al Gallup, John Remsberg

**Members Absent:** Warren Attarian, Chuck Cares, Merrill Dudley, Don Gray

**Staff Present:** Kerry Gray, Kay Sicheneder

**John Remsberg** called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**Meeting Minutes and Agenda**

The January meeting minutes and May agenda could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

**Budget**

Committee reviewed budget documents as of April 30, 2010.

The Committee approved (via email vote) the allocation of \$7500 from the FY11 budget to hire temporary seasonal workers to do tree watering and post planting care. Together with the \$2500 allocated from the FY10 budget, a total of \$10,000 will be spent on this project.

**Kay Sicheneder** provided updates on the budget. According to the budget 40% of the funds have not been spent, she is not sure that the total FY10 Dean Fund budget will be spent.

Two temporary staff have been hired to water trees. **Ms. Sicheneder** plans on hiring another 2 staff (one full time and one part time) for watering and post planting care for the summer.

**Al Gallup** asked if there was money for tree removals in the city's general fund forestry budget. **Ms. Sicheneder** stated that there is no removal money left for the remainder of the 2010 fiscal year; and money for removals will be available again beginning July 1 in the 2011 fiscal year.

**Update on Dean Fund Projects**

**Georgetown Trimming** (off Plymouth Road)- staff have been pruning the trees in this neighborhood since the winter, they began with the crabapples and oaks and will continue with the other species through the end of the fiscal year.

**Planting on the Promenade**- the stumps will be removed in the coming weeks and then the new trees (Ginkgos) will be planted.

### **Update on Urban Forest Management Plan**

**Kerry Gray** updated the committee on the development of the city's first urban forest management plan. The city will begin the process by holding two workshops on May 20 at Tappan Middle School (7-9p.m.) and on June 1 at Forsythe Middle School (7-9 p.m.) to get public input on tree planting, trimming, removals and the development of the plan. Following the workshop, the city will conduct an on-line survey (paper copies to be available for those without internet access) to get additional input from residents. Following the input stage, our public engagement/meeting facilitation consultants JJR will develop a public engagement strategy followed by selection of the stakeholder committee and then plan development.

### **Additional Items**

**Mr. Gallup** is interested in replanting the crabapple trees that were planted by Kiwanis around Vet's Park. He is proposing planting about 10 Hopa Crabapple trees. Tabled for discussion at next meeting.

**Mr. Remsberg** provide **Ms. Gray** with a copy of the City's Big Tree Registry. She would like to restart the program and had been searching for a copy of the registry.

### **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8 at 9:00 a.m.- Conference Room B at the Wheeler Center.**

### **Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

- Member terms
- Crabapple trees at Vet's Park