

## **Tree Allies Meeting**

July 9, 2025

6:00 pm

Members present: Mike Beam, Bernie Denning, Linda Straub, Larry Beiter, Chris Boyle, Heidi Boyle, Grace Brenzek, Chris Flannigan (urban forestry)

I. Meeting opened by Vice President Bernie Denning at 6 pm

II. Linda made a motion to approve previous month's minutes and it was seconded by Larry.

### **III. Parade Float**

Sub committee being organized for Clermont's September 20th Parade.

Paper mache tree?

Signs hanging off of fake tree?

Tree-ts: Bag of goodies and bullet point tree ideas.

Address younger generation with information and treats

Involve school?

Tree coloring contest?

Have tree leaves attached to the float?

T-shirts for Tree Allies, esp if they walk with the float.

Paper bags with stickers on them, ask Mallory about how to get our logo onto stickers.

Color leaves at school. Develop contacts with school (Mallory? Linda?)

Budget is minimal but Mike reported that there is some budget for the parade materials including candy.

Heidi reported that she will reach out to Mallory to plan a time to develop ideas and begin preparing materials for the float. There is a tentative group that has expressed interest in building the float.

Parade is Sept. 20 and begins at Spirit of Life church.

Table after the parade at Lion's Park. Develop plan to man table and offer coloring pages or information about the Tree Allies and the upcoming Fall Tree Sale.

Offering tree coloring

### **IV. Fish Fry:**

Mike reported that there needs to be a banner and a tablecloth and kid-oriented giveaways.

Linda stated that the Tree Allies newsletter needs to be incorporated into the Town newsletter.

There is a short blurb about Tree Allies but we are not able to do that for this July newsletter.

Bernie and Mike to get together to look at handouts.

### **V. Tree Sale**

Mike said he has spoken with the tree vendor and they will have some idea of varieties of trees by August 15 for the October tree sale/pick-up.

## **VI. Additional items**

Mike reported that Larry is going to meet with a tree service to discuss the 4 locations in town with potential tree work. Mike has created an email that outlines the response of the Tree Allies to each of the 4 locations.

Special Guest, Chris Flannigan, urban forestry for IN, stated that if it is a private tree, we need to have an arborist assess the tree. If the tree base is on private property, we cannot cut the tree unless notification is given. Chris reported that he gives the owner 30-60 days to trim the tree and works with the owner to maintain a positive relationship with homeowners.

Chris Flannigan gave a quick tutorial on GIS and property. In discussing potential future needed tree trimmings, Mike suggested a mini- group be developed to assess the trees to reduce the multiple e-mails to all members. Bernie and Heidi agreed to assess trees.

Chris Flannigan reported that Urban Forestry can take care of trees on Crawfordsville Road and on Tansel Road. He can also perform the same task on other trees in town as an independent contractor.

## **VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm**