

Village of Gates Mills
Minutes of the Tree Canopy Committee Meeting held on December 10, 2024

In attendance were Holly Mathews, Mitch Bass, Sandra Turner, Erick Carlson, David Atton and Nat Smith.

Discuss bid process and timelines to begin work with Better Meadows and Woodlands, hopefully in January, Signage for the four pilot properties will be developed by Erick Carlson the signs will be made by Kinko's or an equivalent (10 signs).

One or two properties will start. They likely will be Feller Field and the Metroparks/Village properties on Chagrin River Road north of Mayfield Road. Signage will go up before work begins.

A landing page on the Village website will be developed by Mr. Bass and Mrs. Misch (Town Hall Coordinator). The Mayor will be asked what phone number to use for residents with questions or comments.

Judy Semroc – TCC was discussed. Mr. Bass made a motion to retain her services, with Mr. Atton seconding the motion. The motion passed. She will provide a species list and do environmental/biodiversity reviews at 2 parcels to start – GMLC and GM (likely 1-2 parcels maximum). She will finalize a report for the GMLC parcel and we will limit time on the other parcel to 4 hours approximately. Mr. Carlson will look at the north parcels and set times - 4 hours.

Discuss PlanIT Geo and the County Planning Department's Digital Mapping Group regarding tree canopy assessment. Discussion included feedback from attendees. PlanIT Geo data, street level photographs and drone aerial pictures will all contribute to the tree canopy assessment. Organization for next phase – discussion. Approval for initial work – motion by Mr. Atton, second by Mr. Carlson - Approved to move forward and sign up.

Approved a logo designed by Jean Misch, Town Hall Coordinator.

Follow-up on pictures from road and drone – Gmail Drive- what are the Village's options for storage?

We discussed GMLC pilot as an initial project for an educational parcel.

For pilot launch, use door-to-door visits to neighboring residents at the 4 sites (Tree Committee volunteers). There is a Bulk Mailing potential too – Atton and Matthews agreed to volunteer. Will be coordinated with start date and signage of Better Meadows and Woodlands.

Volunteer needed to produce minutes of our meetings.

- Summary and Close – Proposed next meeting - Tuesday the 14th of January
Village Hall