

# Old Beechwold Association

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Old Beechwold, Columbus, Ohio

## AGENDA

Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 – 6:30 pm • Whetstone Library Meeting Room

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & OPENING**
  - A. Gail Mahaffey
  
- II. **APPROVAL OF REPORT, 1-25, 2023**
  - A. Gail Mahaffey
  
- III. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS**
  - A. Treasurer's report - Laura Philip
    1. See below
  - B. Report of Historic District actions - Diane Nance
    1. See below
    2. For any questions re improvements you can contact HRC ([HRC@columbus.gov](mailto:HRC@columbus.gov))
  - C. Welcome Committee - Lindalee Brownstein
    1. If you are aware of any new neighbors, please let Lindalee know, 614 570 7342 or [lindalee.brownstein@gmail.com](mailto:lindalee.brownstein@gmail.com)
  - D. Social Committee - Nicole Weidner
    1. End of Construction Party to come!
  - E. Arbor Committee - Gregg Peace
    1. Planted more than 500 tree saplings in the ravine this past weekend for Earth Day and picked up at least 15 bags of trash along High Street and the ravine.
  
- IV. **Nature Preserve Updates - Do's and Don'ts**
  - A. Tina Mohn, Natural Resource & Property Manager, Columbus Recreation and Parks
  - B. Jenny Doan, natural resource specialist, will be prepared to discuss Nature Preserves,
  - C. Mishelle Hilliard, landscape architect and project manager for the Beechwold path connector
  - D. **Notes:**
    - a. Beechwold Park Nature Preserve Management Plan was just created last month, this will be posted on the Columbus Recreation and Park website soon. The Exec Committee will share it once we have access to it.
    - b. Regarding building and planting on city property (ravine areas) - these activities are not allowed by individual residents. OBA has a MOU (memorandum of understanding) with the city that describes the process for working in the Nature Preserve in partnership with the city.
    - c. Tina and her team will summarize the MOU and the rules around the Nature Preserve which the Exec. Committee will share with current and future residents so we all have a common understanding of the rules and expectations.

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### V. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT - Final Asphalt Schedule

#### A. Contractor Guests

1. Jim Norden, Construction Administrator
2. Jason Wending, Project Mgr., Elite Excavating
3. Rick Darr, Lead Construction Inspector

#### 4. Notes:

- a) A map and timeline was shared with meeting participants. This will be sent to all residents.
- b) **Paving process:** The contractor will mill existing pavement down to the soil, any brick will be removed (~2 days). Once the pavement is removed in each phase, they will do the cement stabilization procedure (~5 days). This will cure for 5 days, meaning no heavy equipment can run on the surface. However, cars will be allowed to drive on the temporary surface within a few hours of the cement process. They will provide alternate driving routes. Once 5 day curing process for the cement is complete, they will pave the base course, a drivable surface. They will repeat this process in the following phases.

#### **(1) Phasing plan for the road map is being shared**

**(a) Purple/Pink = Phase 1 (5/8-5/19)**

**(b) Green = Phase 2 (5/22-5/30)**

**(c) Blue = Phase 3 (5/31-6/15)**

- c) **NOTE:** this schedule is weather dependent. If there are changes to the schedule, the contractor will communicate with the Exec. Committee and the updates will be forwarded as soon as possible.
- d) If you need to get in/out of your driveway during any of the time, please work with the contractors that morning, or plan to park your car in a different area.
- e) You should not park on the roadways overnight once this process begins.
- f) The most amount of time you will not be able to drive on a surface during any phase will be a couple hours.
- g) Driving on roads during this process will be dirty and muddy. At times, manhole covers and drainage structures will be protruding from the temporary driving surface. Caution is advised. Drive slowly.
- h) The contractor will investigate the construction details regarding the intersection of Olentangy and Rustic Place which were not articulated on the plan.
- i) The contractor will ensure the level of the street and driveway aprons match once all work is done.
- j) Gravel at the edge of roadways and yard will be replaced with soil and seeded during the restoration phase.
- k) They will be back in the fall to re-seed anything that didn't take.
- l) Contractors will work with USPS and delivery drivers to ensure items are delivered. They will also inform Columbus Fire so emergency vehicles can always get through. Trash and recycling will continue as scheduled.

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- m) Please send all property specific requests to Gail at [gsmahaffey@gmail.com](mailto:gsmahaffey@gmail.com) She will share the info with the contractors.
- n) An additional \$10k is being spent in the cascade area for native planting and landscaping to enhance aesthetics and better hide the infrastructure.
- o) A decision was made by the meeting attendees to widen the final asphalt curve at Riverview Park and Rustic Bridge 1.5 ft vs the initial 3 ft suggested by the city. Additional conversation was had regarding landscaping that could potentially minimize large vehicles cutting the corner and driving over the grass at that location.

### VI. Leaf Pickup/Snow Removal Changes for 2023

#### A. Annual membership fee reduction

1. Because of the changes to pavement, we cannot use the skid loader any longer to collect leaves in the fall. It would damage the new infrastructure.
2. Over two years of searching, we were only able to identify 3 companies who operated leaf vacuums. None of these companies are interested in the OB project. We also contacted the City of Columbus to see if they might provide this service but they do not.
3. Homeowners will need to bag leaves for city pick up or hire their own contractors to remove leaves (without heavy equipment) if they wish to remove leaves.
4. We recommend, where possible, mulching leaves into the lawn with a mulching mower, composting leaves, leaving leaves on your ground cover and in beds. This is a much healthier alternative for the Old Beechwold environment. DO NOT allow your contractors to dispose of the leaves in the Nature Preserve. A handout was provided at the meeting.
5. Snow removal will be done by the city.
6. As a result of this, membership fees will be reduced to \$25 yearly for the foreseeable future.

### VII. Other Business

- A. Deer Control - discussion moved to next meeting.
  1. Plant deer resistant plants
- B. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday July 25th, 2023

### VIII. QUESTION & ANSWER

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Treasurer's Report				
April 25, 2023				
	Total			
<b>1/1/2023 beginning balance</b>	<b>\$ 16,119.06</b>			
Deposits				
Dues	75.00			
Arbor				
Donations				
Disbursements				
Arbor/herbicide/mulch				
Snow removal				
Office supplies-zoom, checks, stamps				
Squarespace				
Social Committee				
Leaf pickup				
Gifts - outgoing officers				
<b>3/31/2023 ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 16,194.06</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Dues</b>	<b>Arbor</b>	<b>Donations</b>
<b>1/1/2023 beginning balance</b>	<b>\$ 16,119.06</b>	<b>\$ 8,692.64</b>	<b>\$ 7,076.42</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>
Deposits				
Dues/Arbor/Donations	75.00	75.00		
Disbursements				
Arbor/herbicide/mulch				
Snow removal				
Office supplies-zoom, checks, stamps				
Squarespace				
Social Committee				
Leaf pickup				
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Deposits				
Disbursements				
<b>4/25/2023 ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 16,194.06</b>	<b>\$ 8,767.64</b>	<b>\$ 7,076.42</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>

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## Historic Resources Commission Report

Most Recent Old Beechwold Decisions

April 25, 2023

HC Mtg Date				Action
Jan 19, <a href="#">2023</a>	HR-23-01-015	44 W Jeffrey Pl	Stained glass repair	Conceptual Review. No Action.
Feb 17, <a href="#">2023</a>	HR-22-02-016	35 W Jeffrey Place	Modify patio plan	3-0-0 APPROVED
Apr 20, <a href="#">2023</a>	HR-23-04-014	4783 Olentangy Blvd	Replace driveway	Staff Approved
	HR-23-04-015	4777 N High St	Exterior Alterations, Landscaping	Staff Approved
	HR-23-04-022	159 W Jeffrey Place	Repair siding, windows, garage door, slate shingles, gutters, downspouts Sunroom, north entry	Staff Approved Conceptual Review
	HR-23-04-007	177 W Jeffrey Pl	Window <a href="#">replacement</a>	Staff Approved

**Reminder – Prior approval and Certificate of Appropriateness is required from the Historic Resources Commission for all exterior renovation including landscaping and tree removal.**

For specific information or to file an application, contact the Historic Resources Commission at [HRC@columbus.gov](mailto:HRC@columbus.gov) or at 614-645-0664

Additional Historic Resources Commission information can be found at <https://www.columbus.gov/planning/hrc/>