VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS TREE CANOPY SUBCOMMITTEE

Organizational Meeting

June 7, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers -- 1470 Chagrin River Road

<u>Agenda</u>

1.	Opening Remarks	Mayor Steve Siemborski
2.	 Introductions Background, reason for participating What are the outcomes members would like to see? 	Committee members
3.	 Why are we here? Brief overview of Cuyahoga County Urban Tree Canopy Assessment revealing 5% loss of Village tree canopy between 2011 and 2017 Review of Comprehensive Plan Objective A.3 "Preserve, protect and increase the tree canopy in the Village" 	Group discussion
4.	 What should we consider in developing our tree program? Characteristics of a good urban forestry program ODNR Toolbox slide "How's our program functioning?" Special issues to be considered Topography: Flood plain, steep slopes, Mayfield Rd. Ownership: Village-owned, GMLC, Metroparks, residential "Community Tree Plans: A Guide for Tree Commissions and Advisory Councils" (ODNR Toolbox – by Penn State Extension) Example of a Tree Plan Waterville OH Tree Plan 2017 (ODNR Toolbox) Possible rough framework for Gates Mills' tree plan? 	Group discussion
5.	 Examples: Are we a working committee? Should we be fact and science driven? How do we promote open, engaged discussion? How do we get "buy-in" within the committee as well as by residents, Council, other stakeholders, etc.? Live-streamed? Audio recording? 	Group discussion Sandra Turner
6.	 Do/Will we need assistance? Technical expertise – eg ODNR, Cuyahoga County Planning, consultant Administrative support - record-keeping, meeting coordination, minutes 	Group discussion
7.	 Way forward Agree on assigned actions Agree on date and focus of next meeting 	Group discussion

8. Audience feedback and questions

Resource Materials for Tree Canopy Subcommittee Organizational Meeting

The email with the agenda for this meeting contains the following pdf files for review prior to the meeting:

Agenda Item #3 Why are we here?

• GM Comprehensive Plan Objective A.3

Agenda Item #4 First Step: Development of a Tree Plan for the Village

- ODNR How's Our Program Functioning?
- Tree Inventory vs Tree Canopy Assessment
- GM Comprehensive Plan Map Natural Features
- Community Tree Plans A Guide for Tree Commissions and Advisory Councils
- Waterville OH Tree Plan 2017 (ODNR Toolbox)
- ODNR Tree Commission Academy Catalog