

**Notes for Minutes**  
**Indian Hills Environmental Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 18, 2019**

Attendance: Vertner Smith, Amy Broadhurst, Vance von Borries, Lee Maddox, Lyle Graham, Patricia Vairin, Mimi Zinniel. Absent: Lu Ann George

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm. Minutes from November 20 were approved.

**LG&E Tree & Brush Clearance Project**

LG&E is clear-cutting their 100' wide easement under the high tension wires. This is such a Heavy clearance project due to concern with the high tension wires (the ones that go from tower to tower, throughout Indian Hills). They can sag as much as 18-20' with a heavy load (hot summer day or ice storm); if they come into contact with vegetation, power will be out and fires could result. LG&E is under state mandate to address this through clear-cutting.

Rick Grismere, our contact with LG&E, is committed to cooperate with us in determining what, if any mitigation will be provided. The general rule for affected homeowners is \$250 per removed tree, up to a total of 6 trees. Mimi has been working with him for the extensive cutting along Indian Hills Trail near Rio Vista, all still To Be Determined.

Mimi will verify with Rick the procedures for notifying neighbors of this project, as well as the less-intrusive (but still objectionable) tree trimming around the distribution lines that go from the high tension wires to the individual homes.

Question was raised about the possibility of a walking trail under the high tension wires. Doubtful, since much of the easement goes across private property.

Another LG&E project is stabilization of the tower on Indian Hills Trail across from the Louisville Country Club. This will require even more tree removal and reinforcement of the banks of the Muddy Fork in that area.

**Notification Issues**

Indian Hill Village has concerns with notification, since there is just one corporate property owner. Individuals do not receive tax bills directly, nor are they getting communication regarding Tress Risk Assessment and other pertinent issues. .Communication lines need to be be clarified and improved with Indian Hills Village. Until further notice, Amy Broadhurst should be the contact for Indian Hills Village.

**Old Business.**

Stonebridge: bridge is still awaiting approval from Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office.

Fish and Wildlife Open Meeting: Representatives from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will make a presentation and answer question regarding wildlife in our area. The event is planned for Tuesday February 11 @ Second Pres Fellowship Hall. This will be open to all residents; we urge everyone to help spread the word. More details to follow. Indian Hills newsletter scheduled to go out December will include information.

January 15 meeting: Lucy Spickard, Anchorage Forrest Board President, will be our guest at our January meeting. She will review Anchorage's tree programs and long-term plans.

Discussion about possible City Plan:

- Can be broad vs restrictive.
- Usually completed by consultants and landscape designers; they are not cheap. They could cost between \$10,000 -\$50,000.
- Indian Hills needs a plan to use as a guide, particularly for city-owned property.
- Many example plans can be found on-line. Mimi will send links.
- Plan would help document the Indian Hills "brand" and help achieve strong look and working objectives.
- Plan can develop scope of work and include specifications.
- Need to incorporate resident input and needs.
- Plan can include large outline with multiple categories such as property management, public & private property, environmental issues such as erosion & tree policies.
- The committee had immediate concerns with how undeveloped lots in Indian Hills could be included in a plan.
- Committee would like to proceed on writing an Environmental Plan, with different members taking on different issues, then reviewed by committee. Vance has started reviewing and offered to assist organizing.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned sometime shortly after 6pm.

Next meeting: January 15, 5pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres