

Franklin Tree Board
Minutes
April 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Gregg Cantwell. Roll call revealed the following present: Gregg Cantwell, Debra Swinehamer, Sherri Hall, and Chip Orner.

The minutes of the March 17, 2011 meeting were approved with a motion by Sherri and a second by Chip.

Chip reported that Zach Burton has been updating the web site.

Although shortened by rain the Arbor Day Celebration was declared a success. There was good participation, the Liberty Tree was planted and the plaque will be permanently mounted on the stone provided by Swartz Funeral Home.

The Arborists reported the purchase of 60 trees from Maschmeyer Nursery which are due to arrive April 29. They also reported they have removed about 80 stumps around town now that they have the equipment necessary to perform that action.

The "Tree City USA" signs have been purchased. It was agreed to try to erect them around the four "Welcome to Franklin" signs.

Debra reported that Larry Nun had been present at the recent Plan Commission meeting when McDonalds presented their plans for a rebuild of their facility on US 31. They had requested they be allowed to delete the required trees from the plans due to lack of space. Larry suggested they purchase trees or give the equivalent funds to a tree bank. McDonalds readily agreed. The arborists suggested they be required to actually plant the trees in appropriate places thereby furnishing the labor too.

With no further items to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Debra and second by Sherri.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Swinehamer, Secretary