

Franklin Tree Board

Minutes

June 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Larry Nun. Present were Larry, David Orton, Meg Jones, Debra Swinehamer and Scott Swartz. The minutes of the May meeting were approved on motion by Meg and second by David.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Meg had nothing as Volunteer Coordinator but as Publicity Coordinator she noted a picture of Arbor Day festivities had appeared in the Journal. She will contact the Journal to try to get published a notice regarding the new ordinance. She also volunteered to talk to Police Chief O'Sullivan regarding understanding of the Ordinance and to ask him to make his officers aware of the restrictions and enforcement.

Debbie noted that she had been in contact with Matt in the Mayor's office and the web site has been updated. He also suggested a Tree Board mission statement be added to the web site. He proposed some wording, but in the end the Board decided against a mission statement.

The Arborist's report is attached as a part of these minutes detailing the activities of the past month. Along with regular activities the report notes that the Emerald Ash Borer is confirmed on the property of Larry Nun. Total hours reported for tree work for the month is 495.

Debbie noted there were no financial transactions in the past month.

OLD BUSINESS

There is still an opening for a member of the Tree Board. An announcement has been placed on the web site.

Forms: there was discussion regarding the forms needed for enforcement of the ordinance. The street commissioner expressed concern about enforcement authority. Debbie offered to come up with a draft form for a Notice of Violation and Stop Work Order for the next meeting. Larry will speak with the Mayor about the seeming lack of importance of enforcement. Meg will work on a Permit form.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Collins, Street Commissioner, noted a neighborhood squabble regarding trees in front of 99 S. Home Avenue. The homeowner had attempted repairs of a street tree which only made the appearance worse. Then neighbors got involved and tempers flared. Ron examined the tree and suggested it be removed completely and that work is scheduled for the near future.

A notice about the ordinance is scheduled to be included in the June 22 publishing of the sewer bills. This is a repeat of the announcement of last year.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Debbie and second by Meg.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Swinehamer, Secretary