

Franklin Tree Board

Minutes

July 19, 2012

Franklin City Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Nun. Present were Larry, Sherri Hall, David Orton, and Debbie Swinehamer. Scott Swartz and Meg Jones were absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. David made the motion and Sherri seconded it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Debbie reported no activity for the web site.

The arborist's information is attached as a part of these minutes.

Financial – Debbie reported only the expense of \$14.40 for the two certified packets to Brown's Tree Service and Cox's Tree Service. Larry inquired as to the receipts for the same. Cox's had left their packet unclaimed; Brown's receipt showed acceptance. Due to this circumstance Debbie made a motion to curtail any business with Cox until they voluntarily secure the packet and acknowledge receipt of same. Sherri seconded the motion which passed.

OLD BUSINESS

No new names surfaced to fill the slot for a board member.

Forms: Debbie distributed her proposed "Stop Work Order" and "Notice of Violation of Street Tree Protection Ordinance" and asked the members to compare it to the actual ordinance and reply via email with any changes or corrections. Once Meg submits a permit form and all are board approved, they will be submitted to the City Attorney to review.

Larry reported on his meeting with the mayor. Mayor Joe pledged support of the efforts of the Tree Board and suggested inclusion of resident suggestions on completion of the Main Street project as to types of trees. Larry also made him aware of the lack of knowledge of several police officers regarding the ordinance and Joe said he would speak with the chief about this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2013 budget submittal was discussed. Ron's first draft included no increase for Tree Board expenses. Larry appointed a committee of Debbie, David and Sherri to come up with a proposed increase and support documents for that increase.

OTHER COMMENTS

There was discussion about tree irrigation bags and the possibility of the Tree Board securing inventory and selling them at a reduced cost to the public to encourage watering of personal as well as street trees. Jim Farr was asked to research the cost and availability of these bags. Suggested outlets for selling were the Farmers Market and festivals.

It was also suggested that the Tree Board have a Strategic Planning session to form a plan for taking care of the inventory of trees we have and adding to our inventory. Sherri will try to find a facilitator for this type of meeting. Two names suggested were Bill Doig and Bonnie Pribush.

There being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Sherri and second by David.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Swinehamer