

Franklin Tree Board Minutes

Oct. 18, 2012 at 6:00 PM; Franklin City Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Nun. In attendance were Larry, Debbie Swinehamer, Sherri Hall, Scott Swartz and Meg Jones.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on motion by Sherri and second by Larry.

Meg had no reports for Volunteer or Publicity committees. The arborists were not in attendance nor had they submitted a report. Debbie had no report for the web page but reported a balance of \$1,538.20 in the budget for 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

As no names have surfaced for a replacement member, it was decided to forward that need to the mayor for his consideration.

Forms: Meg submitted that in her opinion, the Doublefile Viburnum and the Washington Hawthorne both have limitations as far as being appropriate Street Trees. She made a motion to delete these two from the approved published list. Sherri seconded the motion which was approved. This list will be printed on the reverse of the Street Tree Care Permit Application. Debbie noted just a couple of corrections to be made to the front of the form. After having those corrections made she will submit all three forms to the City Attorney for inspection. Clerk-Treasurer Janet Alexander had suggested via email that she would have some funds in her budget for printing that could be used to reproduce the forms. She also suggested that there is possibly some money in the Mayor's Disaster Recovery Funds that could be used for the purchase of trees. Debbie volunteered to create a written request to forward to the Mayor and/or City Council for consideration of earmarking some of those funds for the purchase of trees.

Sherri has secured the services of Audie Chastain to serve as a facilitator for the Strategic Planning Session. We will try to come up with a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening date to plan this event.

Jim Crane has made a request for a letter of support from the Tree Board to include in his grant proposal for funding for the Urban Forest project. Debbie will request Matt Zimmerman's aid in printing something on official City letterhead. It was announced that there will be a ceremonial Tree Planting to mark the kick-off of this project on November 1 at 5:00 PM. All are encouraged to attend.

With no additional business, Sherri made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Scott and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Swinehamer