



Franklin Parks & Recreation

Tree Advisory Committee
Cultural Arts & Recreation Center Multipurpose Room
Thursday, November 10, 2022
5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Committee Members present: Richard Wertz, JoAnn Cummings, Jim Farr, Jason Wilson, Ryne Brutus, Dana Marietta, Kathy Thomas

Staff present: Mayor Steve Barnett, Parks Director Chip Orner

Guests: Beck McNichols, (5) community members

1. **Call to Order**
Meeting called to order by Richard Wertz @ 5:00pm
2. **Announcements & Presentations**
 - a. Becky McNichols – Urban Forest presentation
Becky presented information about the history and health of the Urban Forest. She shared her vision for the Urban Forest going forward and shared that she plans to meet with and present to the park board to help create a long range plan for the Urban Forest.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. Fall Festival Review
The display at the booth created by JoAnn Cummings was a big hit. Many children were drawn to the booth.
 - b. Urban Forest Work Day
Any work on the Urban Forest has be postponed until after the Park Board has heard Becky McNichol's presentation.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Set 2023 meeting schedule
New for 2023, meetings will be the 4 Thursday of every other month at 6:00 pm. Meetings will be held at City Hall.
5. **Reports**
 - a. City Arborist – Jim Farr & Jason Wilson, City Arborists
City crews are working on leaf clean up.
Brush removal, every other week.
Hazard tree removal is ongoing.

Several ash trees on King St are still in good shape.

6. **Public Comments**

None

7. **Advisory Committee Comments**

- a. Board members thanked Becky McNichols for her presentation.
- b. There is interest in a joint meeting with the tree board and park board to address concerns at the urban forest.

8. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

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