

Franklin Tree Board

Minutes

November 17, 2011 @ 6 PM

Franklin City Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Cantwell. In attendance were Greg, Larry Nun, Chip Orner, Debbie Swinehamer and Meg Jones. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved after a motion by Larry and a second by Chip.

Under Committee Reports the Arborists submitted a report detailing their work as follows: several trees in Heritage Subdivision were inspected. Lack of care and maintenance were the primary concern. Six dead trees around town were removed. They had discussions with Duke Energy and Asplundh about several areas where trees are in power lines.

Old Business: Meg read a letter she had written to be mailed to Homeowners' Associations concerning the new tree care guidelines.

Tree inventory: finalization of plans is to occur at the Board of Works meeting on November 22.

New Business:

The Tree City Application is due to be submitted in December. Greg and staff will work on it. It will need a proclamation and a signature from Mayor Paris.

Greg suggested creating a package containing Minutes, a copy of the Ordinance and a copy of the Tree Care Manual to be delivered to new Mayor Joe McGuinness as well as to the Plan Commission. It was agreed that the minutes are available on the web site as needed so they need not be copied.

Franklin College is applying for an Urban Forestry grant and requested acknowledgement by the Tree Board of support of their project. Debbie moved to approve and Larry seconded the motion which passed.

With no further business to come before the board there was a motion to adjourn offered by Meg and seconded by Debbie.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Swinehamer