

Muncie Urban Forestry Minutes

March 14, 2011

Present: Cassie Banning, Matt Bailey, Ron Spangler, Tom Smith, Pete Heuer, Charlie Mason, Jason Donati, Jim Reese, Eric Gillette, Tom Reeves, MDCB Exec. Dir.

Opening: President Cassie called the meeting to order at 3:01pm. The minutes of the last meeting were approved, (Motion made by Ron S. and seconded by Tom S.)

Urban Foresters Report: No report.

New Business: Tom Reeves spoke about the removal of Honeysuckle and other invasive shrubs along the Cardinal Greenway. These are to be removed by Earth Day and a tree planting event will then take place. They need volunteers on the 23rd and again on the 30th. He is hoping people attending the Arbor Day event at Westside Park will come over after and participate in this event. This is being handled through a “Together Green” grant from the Audubon Society and Toyota.

A brief report about Arbor Day Festival was made by Jim R.

Talked about committee roles on the board—decided to wait until next meeting. Need to fill positions on board.

Grant update—Community Development is to issue a \$40,000.00 grant from a Block Grant. Money to go to U/F through Parks Department.

Old Business: Have not received the Storm Emergency Plan packet yet. Tom, Mark and Pete are a committee to write up a draft and bring it to the board.

Licensing—there is \$1,900.00 now in the fund to date. Kellie is to put a list of licensed tree care companies on the web site.

Still working out details about who will handle the tree memorial plantings and maintenance. (MDCB or U/F or both).

Eric G. is trying to educate the public about the Emerald Ash Borer and to form neighborhood groups to check the ash trees in their area and to report the bug if they find them.

Next meeting is April 11, 2011 at 3 pm—City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

