

Muncie Urban Forestry Minutes

May 9, 2011

Present: Cassie Banning, Matt Bailey, Ron Spangler, Tom Smith, Jim Wingate, Judy Campbell, Pete Heuer, Charlie Mason, Jason Donati, Jim Reese, Kellie McClellan, Eric Gillette. ALL HERE!

Opening: President Cassie called the meeting together at 3:03pm. A quorum was met. The minutes of the April meeting were approved, (motion made by Tom S. and seconded by Ron S.—Passed).

Urban Forester's Report: She planted six, 2" caliper trees as part of the IDNR grant, four in front of the YWCA and two in front of residences on W. North St. and Parkway. 12 more are to be planted on two sides of the County building. 42 more trees will be planted as part of the grant. Pulling weeds and mulching young trees in parks. Restaking "leaning" trees. Working with Tom Parker,(CD), getting out bids for hazard tree removals in Thomas, Heekin and McCulloch parks.

Arbor Day Festival went very well this year. Everyone involved did a great job! 150 T-shirts were given away and approx. 150 sweet gum and black cherry trees too. Eric Gillette donated a Burr Oak that was planted in the park. Donated food was given out and Jim Reese, after delivering a short speech, made a presentation to the Mayor on behalf of the committee. The Star-Press was there and took a lot of photos. Kyle Johnson will be posting them on our web site.

New Business: Nominations for Secretary for 2011 and VP (to become President in 2012). Jason D. will become Secretary for the remainder of this year and Cassie B. will take over in 2012. VP slot is still open.

Old Business: Jim Wingate made a presentation about the new Memorial Tree program between MDCB and UF. A sample draft was distributed. It was suggested that the administration go to MDCB; marketing be shared; use three locations in Muncie; Muncie Parks purchase and plant the trees, using volunteers. Much discussion followed and a new draft will be coming soon.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

Next meeting: June 13, 2011 at 3pm in City Hall.