

Muncie Urban Forestry Minutes

December 13, 2010

Present: Cassie Banning, Matt Bailey, Ron Spangler, Tom Smith, Judy Campbell, Peter Heuer, Connie Gregory, Jason Donati, Kellie McClellan, Eric Gillette, Jim Reese, Jim Wingate, George Goldsworthy, Marta Moody.

Opening: Cassie called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm with a quorum. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Urban Forester report: Eight trees will be removed at Jackson and Nichols Streets and in the 400 block of S. Nichols by AEP. These trees have been severely topped for years and not much left of them. Should get 12 trees from AEP to replace these in Spring. She spoke at the Mayor's Chat on November 18th. It will aired again on channel 60 in December.

Been grinding stumps in the parks, assessing trees, and putting together a tree removal list for 2011. Filled out the Tree City USA Recertification application for the IDNR. We made our \$2.00 per capita again this year, but actually spent \$2.03 per capita. Also worked on a power point for the licensing which starts in January. Should be hearing soon from IDNR regarding our Community and Urban Forestry Grant.

New Business: Marta Moody and Jim Wingate commented on the M.A.P. Organizing neighborhoods in to a council to plan projects for Muncie, (About 40 N/Hoods). Find block captains. Starting with 5 topics. If there is an issue in the neighborhood or an improvement that needs to be made, it is brought to the N/A meeting. One action focus was to institute a bike-friendly community program. They must do the following: Justification; Outline of Approach: education, infrastructure, design guidelines/policies, ordinances, planning; Anticipated Timing: ordinances; Anticipated Resources: cycling clubs, BSU Interns/ Grad Assistants, Foundations; Potential Task Force Members.

Kellie's Education program—Kellie shared a power-point and asked for input from the board. Need an original license, with seal, in each truck.

Old Business: The Arborist license was passed around for approval. Motion to approve was made by Tom S. and seconded by Judy C. Approved! Waiting for the Mayor to approve Jim Wingate to be appointed to the board.

The board wished Cassie well in her maternity leave and hoped all will go well for her and the baby. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm.

Next meeting is January 10, 2011 at 3 pm in City Hall.