

Muncie Urban Forestry Minutes

June 13 2011

Present: Cassie Banning, Matt Bailey, Tom Smith, Pete Heuer, Charlie Mason, Jason Donati, Jim Reese, Kellie McClellan, Eric Gillette

Minutes for 5/9/11 were approved.

Urban Forester's Report: (a written copy is available upon request) Kellie reported that they have recently planted 18 trees as a part of the IDNR grant. 42 more to be planted. IDNR has requested no more maples to be planted as a part of IDNR grant. 60 total trees to be planted as a part of the grant. 45 city trees to be cut down in city parks. Bids have been requested. Board members asked Kellie for feedback about businesses or individuals doing Tree Work without a license. Kellie spoke of an incident earlier that day where the police were called out and warned that they warned an individual that he needed to get a license. Cassie and Kellie brought up that they needed to still work on setting fines and fees and Tom volunteered to help with that. Cassie said she would put together a meeting between the three of them next week.

Old Business: Cassie mentioned that Jim Wingate was unable to make it today but did send out documents for the memorial tree program via email for the board to review. Cassie asked the board to email Jim any questions they had after reviewing. Matt Bailey mentioned that he had concerns that there was no profit margin for either group. There were also concerns about where the money would go to, if it were to be separate accounts or one shared account. The board is interested in at least breaking even or finding the best way to share the profit based on each groups participation. Eric Gillette said the spring planting date should be earlier in April and the Fall date should be pushed later into October. Cassie asked the board to send comments and concerns directly to Jim. Cassie mentioned that there was nothing in the ordinance that suggests a specific diameter tree is required but still believes that we should only plant at least an 1 and a half inch tree for maintenance concerns. Cassie tasked Jason to check in with the Muncie Delaware Clean and Beautiful concerns and work on getting a new draft put together in cooperation with Jim. Cassie also suggested that we start small with printing and not order a bunch of brochures at once.

Tom Smith is still following up with Delaware County Emergency Management about a Storm Management Plan related to trees and will look into other city's plans. Matt Bailey, Pete Heuer and Kellie McClellan will meet and put down on paper what they currently do in Storm Management Plan related to trees and report to the board next meeting.

New Business: Jason Donati brought in the plans for the County Building Plaza Reconstruction, going on now, for the board to review.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Donati

