

Muncie Urban Forestry Minutes

July 11th, 2011

Present: Cassie Banning, Matt Bailey, Ron Spangler, Jim Wingate, Judy Campbell, Jason Donati, Kellie McClellan, Eric Gillette

Opening: Meeting called to order at 3:06pm. A quorum was met and Ron S. moved to accept the minutes from 6/13/11 with a second from Judy C.- minutes passed.

Urban Forester's Report: (a written copy is available upon request) Another delay on the tree removal bids because Kellie was told it could take up to 60 days for the grant money to be released. Kellie met with city attorney Dan Gibson to discuss how Urban Forestry can get the money used to issue ordinance violations reimbursed and said Dan is drafting letters to send out to those who have violated the ordinance and to those who have complied. Six red pines(with one more to be removed) have been removed at Tuhey Park, and they will also grind 8 stumps getting ready for the pool opening. Watering weekly, pruning low limbs and will plant a tree in Heekin Park for Muncie's Going Green Video.

Old Business: Jim Wingate brought the most recent draft for the Memorial Tree program and asked for feedback from the board. The board went through the draft during the meeting and gave their feedback to Jim W. Jim W. mentioned that he would like for the Urban Forestry board to work on the draft first then present that to Kelly Wolfe, who represents Muncie Delaware Clean and Beautiful, to review. Jim W. took notes on the feedback and questions presented by the board. Ron S. asked for clarification on where the Urban Forestry money goes. Matt B. said that it goes into a non-reverting fund and he would check on the guidelines for spending it. Jim W. asked if money generated from the licensing fees could be used to pay for part of the brochures. Matt B. commented that it most likely could be used if that is what the Urban Forestry Committee would like to do with the money.

New Business: No new business

Meeting Adjourned at 4:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Donati