

Muncie Urban Forestry Minutes

August 8th, 2011

Present: Cassie Banning, Matt Bailey, Jim Wingate, Tom Smith, Judy Campbell, Jason Donati,

Opening: Meeting called to order at 3:05pm. A quorum was met and **Judy C. moved to accept the minutes from 7/11/11 with a second from Jim W.- minutes passed.**

Jim W. asked Matt Bailey if it was possible to use Urban Forestry money to purchase brochures for the Memorial Tree Program. Matt. B stated that if that is what the committee recommends then that should not be a problem.

Urban Forester's Report: (a written copy is available upon request) Josh Newsome got the job for tree removal in three parks, began to remove trees and has till the end of December to finish.

Walgreens on Mc Galliard and Walnut was confronted about topping trees around their store and using a non-licensed tree trimmer. Jim W. suggested writing a letter to the editor to the paper making it an example to the public about improper tree trimming and topping. Jim W. was tasked with drafting a letter, and Cassie and Kelly could edit it.

Old Business: The draft distributed was put together after meeting with Kelly Wolfe and Tom Reeve from Muncie Delaware Clean and Beautiful(MDCB). The major difference from previous drafts is that the price is higher. Profits would still be shared between both entities and 10% would be held back for replacement costs. No parks staff will be available for plantings on Saturdays. Matt B. wanted to make sure that trees were no larger than 2 inches. If Urban Forestry were to pass this draft, it will need to go to a vote in front of MDCB's board and then a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) would be drafted, approved and signed by both groups representatives. **Tom S. moved to pass the latest draft and Jason D. seconded- motion passed.** Jason D. said that MDCB will get it on their agenda for their next meeting.

Tom S. commented that there were no updates on the Storm Management Plan. Cassie recommended looking into other communities emergency response plans and recommended going to DNR's website for good info.

New Business: Still no nominations for VP to take over President position in 2013. Cassie tasked the board with seeking more community members to participate on the Urban Forestry committee. Jason D. commented that Stormwater Management was interested in collaborating with Urban Forestry on new tree guide brochures and adding info in it about how important an Urban Forest is for stormwater management.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:57 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Donati

