

## Muncie Urban Forestry Minutes

February 14, 2011

**Present:** Matt Bailey, Ron Spangler, Judy Campbell, Pete Heuer, Charles Mason, Jason Donati, Kellie McClellan, Jim Reese, Jim Wingate, Dave Isaacson-AEP Dist. Mgr., Nick Rhodes, Mark Slusher, EMAC Dep. Dir., Jona Reece, EMAC Recording Sec.

**Opening:** Acting President Judy Campbell called the meeting to order at 3:06pm without a quorum present. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. (Motion made by Ron S. and seconded by Jim W.).

**Urban Foresters Report:** Continuing to grind stumps and remove dead trees in the parks and along roads. Met with Kelly Wolfe from MDCB, and they want to work with U/F to plant memorial trees to increase the park tree inventory. Kellie looked back on U/F priorities to do in 2011 which included: an emerald Ash Borer Plan, a Storm response Plan with Emergency Management, a management plan based on the newly updated tree inventory, and funding for Arbor Day Festival for 2011. Put together another sub-committee to plan the Arbor Day festival to be held April 30<sup>th</sup> at Westside Park. She is to meet with EMAC and other groups to discuss the Storm Response Plan.

Community Development has identified W. Main St. from Liberty to Kilgore as the area where they want to replace sidewalks and plant new trees as we deem appropriate. They are planning larger lawn strips to plant med to large trees.

A request was made from the Animal Shelter to help clear some trees from a wooded lot next to building.

Sent letter to nearby sawmills to maybe sell dead or near-dead trees for added revenue to the non-reverting fund.

**New Business:** Kellie introduced Dave Isaacson from AEP and Jona Reece from EMAC, to comment and make suggestions about an emergency plan for any future storms or disasters. Training is available and record keeping is important. No handling of downed wires—call AEP. Educate the public. Jona will provide a copy of the Comprehensive Emergency Plan to Kellie.

**Old Business:** There are now eighteen registered tree care companies. (\$1,800.00)  
Kellie re-sent letters and follow-up calls to those not responding at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.  
Next meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm in City Hall.