

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
WEDNESDAY, July 31, 2019**

A meeting of the Urban Forestry Council took place on Wednesday, July 31, 2019. Those in attendance included Committee Members John Steffens, Dave Wehmeyer, Susan Waterman, Gus Raeker and Bill Davit; Wayne Dunker - Parks Director, Josh Wargo - Horticulturalist/Arborist, Council Liaison Nick Obermark. Those not present included Committee Member Franz Mayer.

**Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dunker at 6:03 pm.

**Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Davit to accept the March 20, 2019 minutes as submitted. Motion was approved.

**Agenda Item #4: Communications** – None

**Agenda Item #5: Parks Report** – Mr. Dunker reported the following:

- a. Fair – Staff is working like busy bees getting ready for the Fair. The AIB Committee will help distribute Urban Forestry info at the AIB table at the Fair.
- b. America in Bloom Wrap Up – all went well. Judges were impressed with the town and would like us to budget money to save all of the City's Ash trees.
- c. Flood and Work Days – Staff continue to work on cleaning the trails as the river rises and falls. Mike Smith has begun work days on the riverfront. Next one is August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item #6: Council Report** – None

**Agenda Item #7: Old Business** –

- a. Old WashMO Tree Canopy Map- We have searched and we cannot find the map that was made in 2007. Members believe it showed WashMO with only a 9% canopy. A suggestions was made to get an aerial of the City from the Engineering Dept. to see what the City's current canopy is. Mr. Obermark believes he found the company (in Fenton) that make the original map (co. website: [www.onestl.org](http://www.onestl.org)). Mr. Dunker will look into the feasibility of getting a new map made.
- b. Arbor Day Wrap – Arbor Day 2019 was held at the Miller Post Nature Reserve and despite the weather the event had a good turnout for a mist day in April. Suggestion was made to offer rides from the Fairgrounds to the MP cabin.

### **Agenda Item #8: New Business**

- a. Revamping Memorial Tree & Bench Program – Committee recommended offering a 7-gallon tree because it's bigger and easier to plant. Committee suggested considering having a company plant the tree so the tree would be under warranty for 1 year. Committee was okay with using non-natives when appropriate, as some parks (and City facilities) are themed and a Japanese Maple (for example) may work well in a themed park or setting. Committee suggested starting off small and only offering memorial trees in 3 parks. The parks suggested are Phoenix, Lakeview Fields and Krog (for smaller trees). Committee suggested having a donor recognition sign at each park and having the tree donor's name and type of tree donated added to the sign with a small tag. Location of donor's tree would be kept in the Park and Recreation Administration office and on the shared drive. Committee suggested creating an article for the paper when it's time to market the new program.

### **Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting or Work Day**

Workday – Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Miller Post, 3:30pm to approximately 6:00pm – Identifying Trees for future arboretum

Next meeting – September 18, 2019

**Agenda Item #10:** Adjournment - A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Davit to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. Motion was approved.

**MINUTES SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL**