

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, July 15, 2020
Lion's Lake Pavilion #3**

A meeting of the Urban Forestry Council took place on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Those in attendance included Committee Members John Steffens, Bill Davit, Gus Raeker, Franz Mayer; Wayne Dunker - Director of Parks & Recreation, Josh Wargo - Horticulturalist/Arborist, and Council Liaison Nick Obermark. Those not present included Committee Member Dave Wehmeyer.

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dunker at 6:01pm.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda Item #4: Communications – None

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

- a. Tree Work on Riverfront East Trail- lots of dead trees from the floods and lots of poison ivy climbing the trees
- b. Emerald Ash Borer in Washington (Josh spoke)- Josh took branch sample but results were inconclusive. Washington has 53 Ash trees in open park areas. Budgeting to treat 10 in FY21 (first time this has been budgeted)
- c. Tree Tags & Mulch signs – educating the public and press release sent to the Missourian.

Agenda Item #6: Council Report – None

Agenda Item #7: Old Business –

- a. June tree planting at Miller Post – Mr. Dunker thanked everyone who planted trees at the work day in June.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. Trees Work Rack Cards – Mr. Dunker ordered some free Trees Work education rack cards from the MDC for the various UFC events throughout the year.
- b. Crestview Water Tower Planting Interview – Mr. Davit scheduled an interview with the Missourian regarding the 10th anniversary of the Crestview Water Tower planting. Article will be in the paper soon. Some tree signs at the site should be moved per Mr. Davit. Red Mulberry is evading the planting. Mr. Davit asked if the Water Tower Planting could officially become a park. Mr. Dunker said he would need to check with City officials.
- c. Arboretum – Future Understory plantings- Josh has a good list going
- d. First Parkway – Future Plantings – the Pin Oaks that were planted in the 1950s are mature and starting to die off. To replace the Pin Oaks three to five species should be used. Groups suggested Black Gum, Bur Oak, Hickories and Pecan.

- e. New Members- Mr. Dunker stated that new members are needed on the UFC. Susan Watermann recently resigned due to relocating to Vermont. Mr. Dunker requested that the Crestview Water Tower article have a sentence at the end stating that UFC is looking for new members and if interested, people should contact him. Other members mentioned a Four Rivers College teacher and a local Conservation Agent that lives near McLaughlin Field, as potential members.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting or Work Day

Work Day – Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at Crestview Water Tower Planting

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment - A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Mayer to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm. Motion was approved.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL