

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2020
Lion's Lake Pavilion #3**

A meeting of the Urban Forestry Council took place on Wednesday, September 16, 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 July 15, 2020 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. Contract tree work – In September Craig's Tree Service took out eight large hazardous trees in the park system. Most were difficult to get to or were very large. This was a big help for our department.

Agenda Item #6: Council Report – None

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a. Crestview Water Tower work day- Had a good workday and surprisingly it was not terribly hot.
- b. New member application- Mr. Dunker stated that if you know of someone interested in becoming a member please send in the application to Mr. Dunker at the Parks Admin. Office at City Hall.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. Welcome New Member Bob Briscoe- Welcomed Bob and thanked him for helping with the clean-up day in August at the Crestview Water Tower planting.
- b. Communitree Grant- We received the grant once again for about 35 trees. Plan is to plant them at the October workday. The group mentioned that a variety of trees should be planted in the median of First Parkway. There is room for 17 trees.
- c. Bench at Crestview Water Tower – Have not heard back from the Scout wanting to install the bench at this time. The group said there is a tree tag missing and one of the tagging posts needs to be moved at the Crestview planting.
- d. New member referrals – Mr. Obermark has referred a few people for the UFC. Wayne or Committee members will try to reach out to them soon.

- e. The committee inquired about the City's tree buffer requirements for commercial and residential new construction. Members seemed to think buffering requirements might be less now than they once were. Wayne stated he did not know the requirements but would look into the City's requirements and report back.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting or Work Day

Work Day – Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – Location TBD.

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