

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023
Amphitheater - Lower-Level Meeting Room**

Those in attendance included Committee Members John Steffens, Dave Wehmeyer Bob Briscoe, Gavin Woolley, Gabe Waterhouse, Parks & Recreation Director Wayne Dunker and City Arborist Josh Wargo. Those absent included Committee Members Bill Davit, Franz Mayer & Council Liaison Mark Hidritch.

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Meeting called to order by Dunker at 6:04 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes – January 18 minutes. Motion by Woolley, Second by Steffens.

Agenda Item #5: Communications from Audience – None

Agenda Item #6: Parks Report

- a. First Parkway ROW Tree Planting – Trees will be planted in mid to late April and then Staff will clean up the median before leaving
- b. Stefanie Virgen, Washington Middle Environmental Club teacher, is leaving and going to Southpoint. She will be missed. Stefanie and her students did a lot of work at the Miller Post Nature Reserve.
- c. Winter tree work – Wargo reported 856 trees were pruned and 51 hazardous trees were removed.

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a. Arbor Day 2023 – Will have booth at Farmers Market on April 22 and will include Earth Day. Will give away saplings, seeds, milkweed plugs. Will plant two trees next to Borgia rectory with 4th grade students. Received a \$500 donation from the Rotary Club to purchase additional milkweed plugs to give out.
- b. 2013 Washington Tree Guide- updated document to be distributed at next meeting

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. Updating Crestview Water Tower Park – Josh discussed updating the parks pathways with granite fines or limestone and with logs on the perimeter. Josh also discussed using mulch around the trees instead of wood chips.
- b. E-Cycle Event April 8- flyer was distributed
- c. April 19 Workday – will be planting trees off of 9th Street (flood buy out area), Tiemann Valley and Main Park. Bring gloves.
- d. Wehmeyer spoke about the Council supporting a Pear Tree Buy Back Program and would look into how that may work for the future.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting – Workday – April 19

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment - A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Wehmeyer to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm. Motion was approved.

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