

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2023
Amphitheater / Main Stage – Lower Level Meeting Room**

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

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Meeting called to order by Dunker at 6:02 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes – July 21 minutes. Motion by Steffens, Second by Wehmeyer.

Agenda Item #5: Communications from Audience – None

Agenda Item #6: Parks Report

- a. Miller Post Nature Reserve Trail Installation – found Pawpaw grove along/near the new trail near St. Johns Creek, which will be a neat feature for people to see when the Pawpaws are ripe each fall.
- b. Discussion regarding lining the entrance (off of Grand Ave) of the Nature Reserve with trees on both sides of the easement. Could be a future project with the Bernie Hillermann Tree Funds.
- c. Josh Wargo gave tree report

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a. Washington Tree Guide – Errors were corrected in the guide. Guide will be posted on City website under the Urban Forestry page.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. Arbor Award of Excellence Update – City was not awarded this award for the First Parkway Tree Replacement Project
- b. Bernie Hillermann Tree Donation - the City's Finance Department contact Wayne to inform him there was a donation account with \$4,600 in it for trees. Account was from when Mr. Hillermann passed in 2016. Mr. Hillermann and his family wanted funeral donations to go to the Parks Department for trees around the City. Wayne was not sure why this money had not been spent. Staff will start planning to use these funds as needed. Staff is open to tree location suggestions.
- c. Memorial Tree Program – Draft copies of Memorial Tree Order Form was handed out and reviewed. If you have questions, concerns or edits after reviewing it at home, please contact Wayne ASAP. Wayne and Josh are working on desired park locations for new trees based on park needs and watering accessibility. We hope we can still get a few memorial trees in the ground this fall.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting – Workday, October 18 – 5:00 pm, Optimist Park and surrounding areas

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment - A motion was made by Committee Member Wooley, seconded by Committee Member Wehmeyer to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm. Motion was approved.

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