
MEETING MINUTES
FRANKLIN TREE COMMISSION
CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.

Committee Members

Alderman Ann Petersen, Chair	P
Beth Adams	A
Scott Harrison	P
Skip Heibert	A
Kim Hoover	P
Michael Johnson, MTEMC	A
Martin Shaw	P

Other Attendees

Todd Snackenber, Arborist	P
Linda Fulwider, Board Recording Secretary	P

1. CALL TO ORDER

Alderman Ann Petersen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Marty Shaw moved to approve the March 22, 2010 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Scott Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments

None

4. Arbor Day 2010

Todd Snackenber thanked everyone for helping with the event. It went very well. The crowd was spread out all during the day. The zip line was a big hit; the music was great as was Conductor Jack. There were not as many vendors but those that were there were quite good.

Marty Shaw commented that due to the long winter some were out working on a nice day and could not justify taking time out of their work schedule.

Several City officials attended including Mayor Schroer, five or six aldermen, City Administrator Eric Stuckey, ACA Vernon Gerth, and employees from Parks, Streets, Solid Waste, Planning, and Codes. Mr. Snackenber thought the combination with Earth Day was a positive.

Although there was no official count, it was estimated there were as many attendees as last year. Mr. Shaw noted the 500 hundred hot dogs were all consumed. Quite a few trees were given away. The Commission looks forward to another success next year.

Scott Harrison complimented Todd Snackenberg on the great job he did organizing Arbor Day.

5. Arborist Report

Mr. Snackenberg reported on flood damage at Pinkerton Park; just one of the 59 trees planted this year was lost. Many were staked. On park volunteer day many picked up debris and dirty trees were trimmed. The playground mulch had to be redone and the old mulch removed by hand. It took two weeks to reopen Pinkerton. He noted the family of the man who built Pinkerton Park in memory of his daughter cleaned Tinkerbelle. Everyone worked hard. There is no evidence of being 20 ft. under water in some areas.

Seven or eight of the 20 trees around the Harlinsdale pond were lost and will be replaced. Of the 300 trees planted for the tree farm, estimate more than 200 lost. The fence will be reset and fortified. The tree farm will be replanted.

Liberty park lost a couple of trees.

Fieldstone Park was wiped away. Fences will be replaced. The structure can probably be saved. There is a lot of debris. All the ball fields must be redone. The park could possibly reopen at the end of June.

Winstead, Del Rio, Ft. Granger no flooding or trees down.

The Tennessee Urban Forestry Council Notable Tree Exhibit in City Hall runs through June 9. Brian Rucker from the State helped set it up last Monday.

Lecture series – The lecture by Don Shadow was changed to Wednesday, June 23. He will speak on New and Useful Plants. Information will be sent to the Master Gardeners. Mr. Shadow usually charges \$1,500; however, his daughter said because he wants to do this lecture the price will be modified. Mr. Snackenberg suggested one-third of the grant money (\$500) be paid to Don Shadow.

Scott Harrison moved to pay a fee of \$500 (1/3 of the grant money) to Don Shadow for his June 23, 2010 lecture. Seconded by Kim Hoover. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shaw noted that Mr. Shadow is known internationally for his plants.

Alderman Petersen asked when other lectures were scheduled. Mr. Snackenberg responded Mike Berkley would speak in July, and Beth Adams is working to get the speaker on bird migration in late September. Kim Hoover noted the next grant application would be in August or September. Alderman Petersen stated she is pleased at how successful the lecture series has been.

Future lecture series topics and speakers discussed:

- Dr. Airhart
- Topping breaks down trees
- Amenity tree values
- Hazardous trees, especially with flooding, failure in structure
- Water retention
- Water run-off mitigation
- Stormwater

Mr. Snackenberg will contact Crystal Bishop, Stormwater Coordinator, to see if she could recommend a speaker who would present an interesting lecture on stormwater.

Tree Bank balance is \$159,076.79

6. Other Business

Mr. Shaw asked if there were any projects to plant trees on City property. Mr. Snackenberg responded that in June they will determine what projects could be done in the fall.

The next Tree Commission meeting is June 28, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

7. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned @ 5:57 p.m.

Ann Petersen, Chair

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