

Tree Board Minutes

September 16, 2011

Members Present:

Scott Roederer
Sandy Burns
Chuck Levine

Members Absent:

Rex Poggenpohl
Mike Richardson
Barbara Williams
Carol Shannon

Others Present: Dave Mahany, Russ Franklin, Scott Zurn, Brian Berg, Jen Imber

Quorum: No

General Items:

It was decided that future meetings would be scheduled exclusively for the first Friday of every month. If it was determined quorum would not be present, the meeting would be cancelled until the following month.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Quorum was not present, so meeting minutes could not be approved. It was decided Jen Imber would email past minutes to board members for approval.

Election of Officers

Election of Officers was postponed until the October 7th meeting since quorum was not present.

Goals for 2011/2012

Discussion of potential future projects included landscape planning for the Visitor's Center arboretum on both sides of the river and around the fence, Scotts Ponds area improvements, planting more trees at the Fairgrounds, improvement of the wetlands by Olympus Dam, and development of the community garden at Elm & Moraine. The idea of purchasing pine seedlings and making them available free of charge to the public was considered.

Budget

The budget will be set during the October 7th meeting, when quorum is present. Scott Roederer inquired about rolling over half of 2011's budget into next year and combining it with half of 2012's budget in order to have a large enough fund available to hire a landscape architect for the arboretum. Jen Imber and Russ Franklin will check to see if budget money may be spent for this purpose.

Tree Talk

It was confirmed that the next Tree Talk, presented by Greg Zausen on *Forest Stewardship and Fall Beetle Mitigation* on September 26th, will be filmed and available for public viewing on the Town's website. Poor attendance at the Tree Talks and possible causes for this flaw were discussed. Jen Imber will find out how much traffic the Tree Board webpage is receiving.

Halloween

Scott Zurn suggested the Tree Board consider having a presence at the downtown Halloween Trick-or-Treat event, with the possibility of handing out Tree City buttons/brochures/candy.

Respectfully submitted, November 18th, 2011, by Jen Imber.