

Tree Board Minutes

October 7, 2011

Members Present:

Scott Roederer
Sandy Burns
Barbara Williams
Mike Richardson

Members Absent:

Rex Poggenpohl
Carol Shannon

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

Quorum: Yes

Plan for 2011/2012:

The board discussed a list of goals and projects they would like to focus on between now and August 2012.

1. Arbor Day
2. Tree Symposium
3. Legacy Trees
4. Arboretum
5. Tree Talks
6. GOCO Grant
7. Environmental Stewardship Award

It was agreed to plan a 2012 Arbor Day celebration with the elementary school. The possibility of a poster drawing contest, with select entries being included in an Arbor Day Poster 2013 Calendar, was considered. Sandy suggested setting up a meeting with the school principal to discuss the idea, with Mike and Jen in attendance.

The board agreed on holding a 2012 Tree Symposium. Ideas for the symposium included holding it at the Conference Center with vendors purchasing booth space. Ideas will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The board would like to continue the Legacy Trees program. The idea of including the donated trees into the Arboretum was discussed. Methods of identifying memorial trees were considered, with the suggestion of placing engraved tree cookies next to donated trees instead of commemorative stones or plaques, which convey a graveyard appearance.

It was agreed that finishing the Arboretum is a priority. Budget money may be allocated for hiring a landscape architect to design a layout for the area in 2012.

The board agreed the Tree Talks were very informative, but decided to discontinue them due to poor attendance. Some Tree Talks may be included in the Symposium.

Both the GOCO Grant and the Environmental Stewardship Award were both tabled to be discussed again in 2012.

Budget:

A move was made to roll over the remaining 2011 budget into 2012, with the purpose of using a large portion of the funds to hire a designer for the Arboretum. A vote to roll over the budget was taken, with unanimous approval.

Officer Election:

Barbara Williams moved to retain all current board officers. All voted in favor of this motion. Scott Roederer will remain President and Sandy Burns will remain Vice-President.

Meeting Schedule:

Scott Roederer suggested moving meetings to the third Friday of the month instead of the first Friday. All in attendance agreed to this schedule change. The next meeting will be held November 18th, 2011.

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