

Tree City Board Meeting
August 14, 2012

The City of Newton Tree Board met on Tuesday, August 14th at 11:00 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

After a welcome by Chairman White, a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1st meeting was unanimously approved.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT; all were present: Chairman David White, John Williams, Tom Rowe, Pat Simmons, Wilce Martin, Max Bolick, and Mary Yoder.

OTHERS PRESENT; Sandra Waters, Parks & Recreation Director, Doyle Wyant, Recreation Department; and Jeff Icard. US Forest Service.

I OLD BUSINESS

- A** Doyle reported that the Ginko Tree at the City Hall Flag Pole will be trimmed with the help of Brian Shook, County Horticulturist
- B** Sandra reported that the tree ID system on the Greenway will be changed with a sign at each tree naming the tree instead of the previous method of comparing a number on a guide sheet with a corresponding number at each tree- The new method will work better in case a tree falls or dies so that another tree of the same species can be located and identified.
- C** No report from the planning board on the GIS tree ID program.
- D** Meeting dates were discussed and the next meeting scheduled for October 9th at 11:00.
- E** Wilce reported that the pine trees at the Water Plant have been removed and the stumps will be ground later. The Cypress Trees and stumps at the cemetery have been removed. Three Maple trees at the cemetery will be removed and the stumps ground.
- F** Doyle reported that 45 Japanese Maple trees (\$6000 wholesale) were donated by Maiden Nursery and have been planted. He also reported that 15 White Oaks, 15 Ash, and 15 Red Buds were donated by the Forest Service and have been potted by students at Newton-Conover High School.

II NEW BUSINESS

- A** George Beltran at 832 N Main Ave asked advice from the Tree Board as to where he can plant several Red Bud trees along with smaller bushes. Doyle and Sandra will look at the site, advise, and report at next meeting.
- B** Trees donated by Maiden Nursery was covered in old business.
- C** Doyle and John attended a Tree Inventory Workshop in Hickory. Much information was gathered including websites which can be visited with information on GIS mapping.
- D** Location of trees planted near the Presbyterian Church on N Main was questioned. The board decided that there was no problem.
- E** A report on tree listing will be presented at the next meeting.
- F** David will contact the school system to see if they would like to participate in the Arbor Day celebration next year. Boy Scouts will also be invited.
- G** There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00