

TREE CITY BOARD MEETING
JULY 9,2013

Minutes of the May 14th meeting were read & approved.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman David White, Vice Chairman John Williams, Tom Rowe, Pat Simmons, and Max Bolick. Wilce Martin & Mary Yoder were not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sandra Waters, Parks & Recreation Director and Doyle Wyant, Parks & Recreation Department.

OLD BUSINESS: Goals & objectives of the Tree Board were presented to the City Board.

David reported that there was good community attendance at the American Chestnut program which was presented at the Depot in June. The Tree Board discussed trying some of the trees at Jacobs Fork Park. Doyle said that it usually takes 5 years to tell if the seedlings are susceptible to certain diseases such as Blight, Root Rot etc. David will attempt to contact the Chestnut Manager, Mr. Gillis to help determine if soil conditions at Jacobs Fork are suitable for growing the Chestnuts.

NEW BUSINESS: The board will hold the next meeting on September 20th at the NCHS Horticulture Department if their schedule permits. Plans are to invite Eric Mueke, Regional Urban Forestry Specialist for Western NC for his input.

Harris Jones, a resident of Walnut Creek called to see if he could receive help from the city in removing a dead tree right at his property line. Doyle and Sandra responded & told Mr. Jones that the city could not remove trees on private property but that the tree was badly diseased and in danger of falling in a strong wind and should be removed. They supplied him with the name of a tree service licensed for this work in Newton.

Sandra reported that some large trees have fallen into the creek bank at Southside Park and across the walking trail. Sandra said that city owned equipment could not remove the fallen trees without lots of damage to the creek bank. She is going to get 3 estimates from a contractor now working on a destruction job for the city.

1. To do the essential cleanup needed now.
2. To also remove other endangered tree in this area.
3. To also clean the banks as may be needed in the foreseeable future.

Doyle reported a dead tree at Yount Park which needs removal.

Doyle will remove the Crepe Myrtle Trees in the planters around the square. If he can remove the 8 trees in healthy condition he already has places selected where they can be replanted. The Appearance Committee will remove the plants. Wilce Martin will take

care of any remaining work towards removing the planters.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50.

**NEXT MEETING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20TH AT
NEWTON -CONOVER HIGH SCHOOL HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT IF
ARRANGMENTS CAN BE MADE**

Respectfully submitted;

Max

Max Bolick, Secretary