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TREE CITY BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2013

Minutes of the September 10th meeting were not available.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: All members were present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Doyle Wyant of the Parks & Recreation Department.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Quarterly Tree City Program was discussed. The board discussed placing a report in the city newsletter and our website noting the activities of the Tree Board.....events etc and possibly scheduling a radio interview with our chairman.

No report was available on the American Chestnut Program.

A quarterly report is planned to be completed this month in our work toward re-certification of the Tree Board in 2014. This has to be completed by year's end.

It was reported that no grant money was received last year by the board due to a lack of information on preparing a grant. Work on next year's grant must be completed before March 1st, 2014. Rob Powell will be asked to assist the board in preparing the grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Newton business, Turning Point, had removed some trees to provide parking space. The city will plant trees in any unused space if permission can be obtained from the property owner.

A utility line replacement program was discussed. Wilce Martin said that no tree which will exceed 18 feet in height at maturity should be planted near power lines. Wilce said that many trees near power lines need trimming as much as 3 times each year. We should consider removing some of the problem trees and replacing with smaller trees. We may be able to use grant money for this.

Sandra Waters and Pat Simmons were nominated to prepare next year's Arbor Day program.

A report on this year's Tree Board activities will be presented to the city council in December.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Doyle reported that some Leland Cypress trees at Central Cemetery have grown too large and need removal. These trees are on a line between private property and city owned property. The private property owner (Mrs. Logan) has no objection. Doyle suggested replacing the trees with Burning Bushes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 14TH AT CITY HALL.

Respectfully submitted,

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Max Bolick, Secretary