

ORIENTAL TREE BOARD

The regular monthly meeting of the Oriental Tree Board was held on Tuesday February 5, 2008 in Town Hall.
Those in attendance were:

BOB ANDREWS; KEN KING; LYNNE KAPLAN; BOB MILLER and DAVID COX

Chairman Bob Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

- Project Green Thumb – after receiving an email from Candy Bohmert regarding Project Green Thumb it was determined this was more related to the garden club than to the tree board.
- Camp Creek Project – just an FYI that a project on Midyette where a road is being cut thru is not in Town or on the Town's Right of Way at the present time.

Maintenance

1. Dead Sweet Gum on 3rd Avenue – this tree was hit by lightning and needs to be removed
2. Town Beach – Tree Board has rec'd a request to trim the pine tree at the Town Beach. Ken & Bob discussed needing to be higher while pruning and would like to use the Town's bobcat. Need to check insurance requirements and when pruning should always be using safety items such as helmets, ear plugs & goggles. On Thursday 2/7/08 Bob & Ken will prune the pine at the Beach.
3. Bob Miller and Ken King will transplant the Cedar tree on 2/12/08.

Old Business

1. Rain & Bog Garden Seminar will be held on 2/21/08 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. This is sponsored by the Community College and the Tree Board.
2. On Tuesday, March 18th at 9:00am Bob Miller will have a Long Leaf Pine seminar at the Women's Club.

New Business

1. Discussion of advantages of purchasing a power point machine.
2. Commissioner David Cox addressed the Board in participating in a steering committee regarding the County Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The State is expecting "explosive growth" and planning to build a bridge from Minnessott to Cherry Branch and a four lane road from Bayboro thru Oriental. It is very important to be thorough in the plan to receive grants from the DOT. This is a state level initiative being done county by county. Please return your input before 2/20/08; this when David Cox has his next meeting with the DOT.
3. Ken King – railroad tie at the wildlife ramp needs to be removed and it would be nice to purchase a Catalpa Bald Cypress for around \$50 -60 to place there.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Sheppard
Town Employee

