

Oriental Tree Board

Regular Meeting

January 7, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Oriental Tree Board was held in Town Hall. Those in attendance were Bob Miller Chair., Bob Andrews, Ken King, Rob Barefoot, Toni Leavitt, Lynne Kaplan and Jason Collette Supv. Public Works, Drew Cox Assist, Supv. Public Works.

The information for completion of the Tree City Application was discussed. Completed application will be sent to the National Arbor Day Foundation.

The moving of the Dorothy Whipple tree back to Town Hall is still in planning stage.

Old Business;

Plantings

Tree Board will meet at 9:00AM on Friday Jan 10th to complete planting at Town Hall.

Scharr Residence – Town crew will finish grading, where trees have been removed, and we will plant crepe myrtles which we have in stock.

Mason residence (Factory & Neuse) Following removal of the Pecan tree it will be replaced by alive oak.

A lacy Bark Elm will be planted on the Ragan Rd. side of the Mini Mart property, replacing the swamp chestnut oak.

On the King St side of the Thompson, crepe myrtles will be planted after construction is completed.

At the OYC on So. Water St. a red cedar will be planted.

Lou Mac Park- 2 trees to be planted near the large willow oak that will eventually be removed. This will be discussed with Parks and Recs.

Red Maples at the Rec. Park are not doing well. Ken suggested they be replaced with sycamore seedlings we have in stock.

New Business

Mulch Mowing of town property- Jason advised that a mulching attachment would have to be purchased.

Ken King advised he will remove the eleagnus hedge and a crepe myrtle in front of 1406-08 Tosto circle. Dead Red maple in front of the Episcopal Church will be replaced with a red oak.

The dead crepe myrtle in front of the Cartwright House will be replaced with a good size Natchez.

Removals cont.

Bob Miller advised the pines on Falcon and Styron should be removed. Bob to mark the trees that should be removed first.

Wall St. and South Ave. remove the existing crepes and replace.

Remove Live oak at the Sharp Residence on High St. and replaced

Town Crew is to remove low hanging branches on Starboard Circle

Budget:

We have spent \$1900 of our \$2000 budget. Additional fund are available upon request to the commissioners.

Discussion held on bush – hogging of ditches on Falcon and Styron. Bob Miller and Jason to meet at the site to discuss the options.

Arbor Day –Ken King suggested we do the pruning seminar on Hodges across from the Farmers Market and do the planting at Duck Pond #2 replacing the dead star magnolia. The date for Arbor Day will be set at our next regular meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned,

Robert T. Andrews

Secretary