

**Town of Oriental
Tree Board Meeting
February 12, 2013 9:00 am**

The Oriental Tree Board met on February 12, 2013 at 9:00 am in the Oriental Town Hall.

Members Present: Chairman: Bob Miller, Members: Dick Creighton, Ken King, Lynne Kaplan, Paul Olsen and Toni Leavitt. Member Bob Andrews arrived later in the meeting

Mr. Miller opened the meeting.

Approval of minutes:

Motion – Lynn Kaplan moved to approve the November 6, 2012 minutes. Second by Dick Creighton. Vote 6-0

Motion – Paul Olsen made a motion to approve the January 9, 2013 minutes. Second by Lynn Kaplan. Vote 6-0

Old Business:

Winter Planting: Member Ken King reported that twenty two (22) trees were available for planting. He expressed an interest in obtaining additional stock for plantings and discussed the difficulty obtaining larger stock. It was noted that existing Live Oak stock could be planted but might require additional growing time to acclimate. Several areas for future plantings were discussed including Main, Factory and Freemason as well as the best type of tree for the areas.

Member Toni Leavitt commented on the recent tree removal by the town on Freemason near the home of Kip Nicholas. The contractor used for the work was Xan Wise. It was noted that the work had been sent out for bid with Mr. Wise obtaining the job \$1000 lower than the bid from Jonathan's Tree Care. It was felt the work met with the Tree Board's approval.

Mr. King noted a problem with an Oak at the Mason house and possible root problems.

Chairman Miller suggested that the Hazardous Tree List be revisited and update. Once trees were identified it was suggested that bids be obtained for pruning or removing those trees. It was suggested that Miles Shorey be included in future bidding.

Arbor Day: Chairman Miller announced that Arbor Day would be held on March 16, 2013. The board discussed the location of the Arbor Day celebration, with a suggestion to hold it in the vicinity of the Woman's Club Chowder Cook Off on Hodges Street. Staff was asked to prepare an Arbor Day Proclamation for the Town Board's approval.

Town Board Retreat: The Chairman and members were invited to attend the February 22 and 23, 2013 retreat to be held at Camp Don Lee in Arapahoe. It would be a two day event designed to review goals set last year and to explore and identify goals for the future. Member Bob Andrews agreed to attend both days with Toni Leavitt and Lynn Kaplan joining the retreat

Saturday morning for the four hour session. Dick Creighton also planned to attend Saturday pending previous obligations.

Town Hall Parking Lot: The Tree Board requested that precautions be taken to ensure the safety and well being of two trees located in the rear of town hall. It was suggested that an area equaling a radius of ten feet from the base of the trees be blocked off to prevent damage to the tree roots by vehicles parking under them.

Chairman Miller agreed to seek the assistance of System Forrester Rafel Estevez to address a concern with a tree on the corner of South and Main Street. It was noted that the tree branches might pose a problem with Progress Energy's power lines. It was felt that Mr. Estevez might be able to address pruning the limbs as many contractors would have safety concerns trimming so near power lines.

Chairman Miller and Member Olsen briefly discussed a Canopy Analyze for Oriental.

Motion: Member Paul Olsen made a motion to adjourn. Second by Member Toni Leavitt. Vote 7-0

Members agreed to continue their pruning schedule immediately following the meeting.

Bob Miller, Chairman

Heidi Artley, Secretary