

Oriental Tree Board Meeting  
January 3, 2012

The Oriental Tree Board met on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 9:00 am at the First Baptist Church.

Present: Board members Andrews, Leavitt, Creighton, Olson, King, Kaplan and Miller  
Deputy Clerk Wagoner

Chairman Miller opened the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES -**

**MOTION:** Mr. Olson moved to approve the December 6, 2011 minutes with one correction. Second by Mr. Creighton. Vote 6-0.

**OLD BUSINESS -**

Some of the tree planting that has begun:

1. Wall Street - Crab apples removed and replaced with crape myrtles;
2. Neuse Drive/Deaton Yachts - Crape myrtles planted but there are still more trees to go in there;
3. Freemason Street - Public Works has cleaned up the right-of-way where a large tree fell during Hurricane Irene. Crape myrtles will be go in there.

**PRUNING** of the new plantings in Area 1 pruning was completed last year with spot pruning in Area 2 of anything of an urgent nature.

**TREE CITY USA APPLICATION** - Mr. Miller will be completing the paperwork. He asked for assistance in determining the amount of time spent watering the newly planted trees. After some discussion it was estimated to be approximately 98 hours. He board helped him fill in more of the data.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Mr. Miller reported that he will be attending the N.C. Urban Forestry Council Director's Meeting and asked if anyone had suggestions as to the needs of the town that could be presented at this meeting. One suggestion he will bring forward is that the Int'l Society of Arbor Culture could better serve North Carolina by having South and North Carolina join forces to create their own Chapter of the Arbor Society (currently NC. is part its Southern Chapter that stretches to Texas). Hurricane Irene demonstrated the need for having certified arborist to serve this area as uncertified tree services from as far as Florida came to work on the clean up.

**PRUNING CYCLE** - Once the tree planting is completed the board will begin pruning in Area 2.

**COUNCIL RETREAT** - A long range plan was created when the Long Range Planning Committee II requested the town's various boards' and committees' visions for the future. Mr. Miller will present this as well as the Tree Board's Annual Report at this retreat. Mr. Olson asked that the GIS mapping of trees that Mr. Maxbauer mentioned at an earlier meeting be added to the list of things to discuss.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS -**

- Ms. Leavitt raised the issue of watering the newly planted trees - was there a better way to do the job? After some discussion Mr. Miller stated they could purchase a few tree watering bags to see how well they work.
- Mr. Miller asked that town staff be reminded that there is an Augering Ordinance in place that needs to be followed.
- Arbor Day Celebration will be observed on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Oriental Recreation Park.

There being no further business to discuss:

**MOTION:** Mr. Olson moved to adjourn. Second by Ms. Leavitt. Vote 6-0.

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Bob Miller, Chairman

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Lori Wagoner, Deputy Clerk