
MEETING MINUTES
FRANKLIN TREE COMMISSION
CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.

Committee Members

Alderman Ann Petersen, Chair	P
Beth Adams	P
Scott Harrison	A
Skip Heibert	A
Kim Hoover	P
Michael Johnson, MTEMC	P
Martin Shaw	P

Other Attendees

Todd Snackenber, Arborist	P
Linda Fulwider, Board Recording Secretary	P

1. CALL TO ORDER

Alderman Ann Petersen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Kim Hoover moved to approve the May 24, 2010 minutes as presented. Seconded by Michael Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments

None

4. Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program Grant

Todd Snackenber related he plans to apply for this grant for The Park at Harlinsdale Farm. The plan is to plant groups of trees along the drive. He will appear before the Historic Zoning Commission on July 12, 2010, to see if the plan is permissible. The trees would add shade along the drive and the parking area by the dog park. The deadline to apply for the grant is August 6. Mr. Snackenber estimates it will take 120-125 trees. The grant is a 50-50 match up to \$20,000 and the cost of the trees should be \$17,000-\$18,000 with the City's portion coming from the Tree Bank. This is a Parks Department project. He will present more details at the next meeting. The Commission is amenable to the project.

5. 2010 Lecture Series

The June 23, 2010 lecture by Don Shadow deemed a success and very entertaining. Although Mr. Shadow declined a fee, the Commission, as previously approved, will send \$500 of the Grant money to Mr. Shadow.

Mike Berkley will present a program on Rain Gardens on July 14, 2010.

Beth Adams moved to allot \$350 of the Grant money to Mike Berkley for his lecture. Seconded by Kim Hoover. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snackenberg would like to procure a speaker for a lecture on winter landscaping tips. It would be a fourth lecture and would spread the programs over a longer period. January or February would be ideal for a lecture of this type. He will talk to Mike Berkley and Carol Reece, and if neither has such a program they might know who does.

6. Arborist Report

Harlinsdale Tree Farm Flood Update

T-posts were delivered and the fence will be restored. Some portion of the 100 trees saved may not survive. Surviving trees are mainly Sweet Gum, Eastern White Pine, and Eastern Red Cedar. The trees are staked and are being watered on a regular basis. Some of the survivors have leafed for a second time.

Side note: Most of the 200 plantings at Eastern Flank Battlefield Park remain intact.

Tree Protection Fencing Encroachment-Penalties/Changes – COF Zoning Ordinance

Larry Mizell will come to the next meeting to discuss Section 5 – Tree Protection, of the Zoning Ordinance. Developers have been trenching through fences and trees and there should be consequences for doing so. There was discussion on trenching criteria in relation to drip line and critical zones of large trees and bonding. The issue will be discussed in depth at the July 26th meeting.

7. Other Business

Community Calendars in Williamson A.M. and Williamson Herald

Ms. Adams would like to see the lectures posted on the calendars in these newspapers to reach a larger population. Follow up needed. Could be a timing issue.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned @ 6:15 p.m.

Ann Petersen, Chair

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