
MEETING MINUTES
FRANKLIN TREE COMMISSION
CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.

Committee Members

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

Other Attendees

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Beth Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Skip Heibert moved to approve the November 22, 2010 minutes as presented. Seconded by Marty Shaw. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments

No citizens present

4. 2011 Lecture Series

Todd Snackenberg

The first lecture of the year will be scheduled sometime in May or June. Beth Adams volunteered to engage a speaker with expertise in bird migration.

Todd Snackenberg noted all the 2010 lecturers have been paid. There is approximately \$700 left over from the 2009 and 2010 grants. He will check with Finance for the exact amount.

- Alderman Petersen joined the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

As directed at the November meeting, Mr. Snackenberg advised the Master Gardeners there was grant money left over and asked if the organization wanted it returned or kept and used for future lectures. To date there has been no response from the organization.

5. Arbor Day/Earth Day – April 16, 2011

Todd Snackenberg

Mr. Snackenberg met with Anna Shuford (Parks) and with Andrew Orr (Earth Day). Mr. Orr will arrange for a bike rodeo conducted by Franklin Police Officer, Rose Steagall. Deanna Scheffel, Parks, contacted Nissan and they may provide an electric car, the Nissan Leaf, for the event. Will they also send the Polar Bear? Save the Franklin Battlefield has signed on as well as Conductor Jack, Happy Tree, and MTEMC. He has yet to hear from the

Highland Rim Bluegrass Band. Further discussion at the February 28th meeting.

6. Arborist Report

Todd Snackenberg

Mr. Snackenberg worked with the landscape division to reinstall the fence at the Harlinsdale tree farm. Replanting will be done by the end of March. Forty or 50 of the trees may still be viable. During the May flood about 14 feet of water covered the area: Moss from the nearby pond took down the fence then landed on the trees taking them down.

Mr. Snackenberg plans to attend the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) in Indianapolis, Indiana, February 14-18, 2011.

The Parks Department is hosting the TPRA for two days this week. They expect 80 attendees. Mr. Snackenberg will conduct an hour-long Chainsaw and Job Site Safety Seminar on Wednesday.

Marty Shaw won the bid for the Parks tree-planting project and reported the project is complete. Trees were planted at Jim Warren Park along Boyd Mill where the Skate Park is located, and at Fieldstone Park.

7. Other Business

- ◇ Marty Shaw noted there is some buzz that the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council will meet in Middle Tennessee next year with Mr. Shaw and Mr. Snackenberg planning the event to be in Franklin. This has not been confirmed.

8. Adjourn

Beth Adams moved to adjourn, seconded by Skip Heibert and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Ann Petersen, Chair