

*Trees, Parks, Recreation Board (TPR) – City of Oxford, GA*  
Minutes of Meeting June, 2016  
Community Room, Oxford City Hall

**At 5:00 p.m.** Chairman Ready called the meeting to order.

**Attendance**

Present – Members: Cheryl Ready, LaTrelle Oliver, Andrea O’Toole, Glenda Stewart,  
City Employees: Arborist Beryl Budd, Manager Bob Schwartz, Superintendent Jody Reid  
Guests: Oxford Resident Mike Besaw, Vice Chairman of Planning Commission Jeff Wearing

Absent – Members Anderson Wright, Hulon Clemons; GUFCA Community Forester Seth Hawkins;  
Oxford College representatives: Senior Manager of Operations Kendra Mayfield; Director of  
Operations Todd Cain

**Approval of Minutes for meeting of April 12, 2016**

Motion to approve by LaTrelle Oliver. Second by Andrea O’Toole. Unanimous approval.

**Status of Work Plan, FY 2015-2016 – City Arborist Beryl Budd**

1. The Oxford College Tree Board will host GUFCA’s College Canopy Conference on Sept. 14 from 9:30 - 3:30. The City’s TPR Board and affiliates are invited to attend. Beryl will present the story of Oxford’s Yarbrough Oak.
2. Hazard tree inspections and pruning can begin this month and proceed as budget allows.
3. Watering of young trees continues on regular schedule.
4. Jody and Beryl will inspect apparently stressed young trees in George Street Park between trail and Wesley Street. Beryl explained that bald cypress leaves tend to turn brown at times. Beryl and Jody will note for removal the apparently dead trees on Emory and Whatcoat.

**Reports and Updates**

1. Mitchell Street Park (i.e. Rosenwald School Site) – Jody reported that mowing and watering continue on schedule with satisfying results.
2. There was no report on whether Jody was able to talk with Foundation Chairman Tom Johnson about removal of small trees growing in the Historic Oxford Cemetery.
3. George Street Park – Jody Reid  
No resolution as yet re: gazebo bench and leveling of entire structure.
4. Asbury Street Park ad hoc committee – Cheryl Ready –  
No change. No report forthcoming from UGS planners. Committee did not meet on April 14.
5. Cheryl and City’s temporary employee Lashawn \_\_\_\_\_ attended the recent GUFCA workshop in Mansfield on caring for urban trees. The information will be shared with City Grounds Keeper Terry Tankersley, who was unable to attend due to illness.

**Tree pruning – Beryl Budd**

1. See list of priorities.
2. First bid for 5 trees has been received (\$2325.00)

**Pruning issues and concerns – Beryl Budd**

1. Planning for next phase of crown clearing is happening now. Bids will be submitted in Sept. / Oct.

**George Street Trail Extension**

1. Bob stated that design plans are currently in process.
2. LaTrelle again expressed serious opposition to the entire plan.

**Concerns and Announcements**

1. Engineer Robert Jordan’s goal is to complete the right-of-way project by July for presentation at the August Council Work Session.

**Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 6:00

**Next Meeting** – August 9, 2016

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LaTrelle Oliver, Secretary