

Trees, Parks, Recreation Board (TPR) – City of Oxford, GA
Minutes of Meeting February 10, 2015
Courtroom, Oxford City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ready at 5:00 P.M.

Attendance

Present: Members: Cheryl Ready, LaTrelle Oliver, Anderson Wright, Hulon Clemons,
Andrea O'Toole
City Manager Bob Schwartz
City Arborist Beryl Budd
Oxford College Representative Kendra Mayfield

Approval of Minutes for meeting of December 9, 2014

Motion to approve made by LaTrelle Oliver; motion seconded by Anderson Wright.

Vote: 5 Yes – Cheryl Ready, LaTrelle Oliver, Andrea O'Toole, Hulon Clemons,
Anderson Wright.

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Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda for meeting of February 10, 2015

Motion to approve made by Anderson Wright, seconded by Andrea O'Toole
Unanimous approval.

Arbor Day Planning

1. Tree planting – Beryl will pick up Southern Sugar Maple from Bold Springs Nursery and deliver it to George Street Park, where he will supervise planting by city staff.
Mounting Arboretum signage – Cheryl will contact Jody/Scottie
2. Cleanup – area needs to be tidied in preparation for celebration
Kiosk – 4 of the 8 panels will be used at this time: map of current trees @1 panel (Beryl will prepare new map), Murdy dedication @1 panel, Murdy vita @ two panels
3. Newton Citizen has published an article; no response from Covington News
4. Bob will notify Oxford citizens on list-serve; the College community is being notified by list-serve; formal invitations were sent to designees; invitation was included in utility statements of 01/28/2015; Cheryl will contact Debbie Bell (Newton County landscape architect).
5. Chief Dave Harvey and Beryl Budd will take photographs at the celebration.
6. Andrea will have children to present flag and lead pledge, though Scouts have conflicting activities that day.
7. Bob and Dave will meet Cheryl on prior Wednesday to set up room and power point.
8. Refreshments from Oxford's food service will arrive at 9:00 on the 21st.
9. Proclamation (Arbor Day in city), resolution (Murdy arboretum), and all awards are prepared.

Status of Work Plan 2014, Beryl

Emory Street trees – these new trees should have been watered periodically. Though there has been some rain, it is not enough to sustain the young root systems. The gator bags have not been filled, apparently. This needs to be tended immediately.

Pruning – Beryl is preparing to get the two required bids for pruning the 36 young trees on Wesley Street. Other pruning will have to wait until another budget cycle.

Privet removal on Wesley and Fletcher Streets

Bob is waiting until Covington buys a new mowing head that will be stored in Oxford in a reciprocal arrangement that allows its use here.

Parks reports

Whatcoat Street's engineering analysis and proposal is complete. Any work will be a capitol project for FY 2016.

George Street – same as above.

Mitchell Street – Beryl and Anderson will meet with volunteers on February 25 at 1:00 to plant numerous dogwoods (bare root and potted).

Other tree planting

Though there are many sites and suggestions remaining on Connie Head's original list, Beryl thinks it unwise to go ahead at this time because of the enormous requirement of monitoring and watering the new installations on Emory Street with current limited crew.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by LaTrelle Oliver. Motion seconded by Hulon Clemons.

Vote: Yes @4: Hulon Clemons, LaTrelle Oliver, Andrea O'Toole, Anderson Wright.

No @0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Next Meeting – April 14, 2015

LaTrelle Oliver, Secretary