

## **Trees, Parks and Recreation Board (TPR) – City of Oxford, GA**

Minutes of Meeting October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Community Room, Oxford City Hall

**At 5:00 PM**, Chairman Ready called the meeting to order.

### **Attendance**

**Present – Members:** Cheryl Ready, Mike Besaw, Sallie Robinson, and Amber Moon.

**Matt Pepper**, City Manager

**Jody Reid**, City Superintendent

**Randy Simon, Danielle Miller, and James Johnson**, Oxford College

**Beryl Budd**, City Arborist, GVFC

**Absent – Members:** Anderson Wright, Laura McCanless, Teresa Welch.

**Seth Hawkins**, GUFC Community Forester

**Agenda for meeting:** Upon motion of Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Besaw, the agenda for the October 9, 2018 was adopted. The vote was 4-0.

**Minutes of meeting August 14, 2018:** Upon motion of Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Besaw, the minutes for the August 14, 2018 were adopted. The vote was 4-0.

**Oxford College Request:** Oxford College requested approval to remove a 20" American Holly and 36" oak located within the Wesley Street R-O-W as part of the Campus Life Center project. In exchange for removing these two trees, and for previously removing a Bald Cypress during the Pierce Street project, Oxford College will plant 36-40 2 1/2" caliper trees as part of the Board's Emory Street Planting project. The Board will coordinate where to plant the trees. They will plant the 40 trees over the next two years. Mr. Pepper will draft the Board's approval letter for the removal of the American Holly and oak.

*Upon motion of Mr. Besaw, seconded by Ms. Moon, the Trees, Parks and Recreation Board approved the request by Oxford College to remove a 20" American Holly and 36" oak located within the Wesley Street R-O-W as part of the Campus Life Center Project. The vote was 4-0.*

**Reports and Updates:** 6153 Emory St. – The Board members reviewed the recommendations submitted by citizens for the "park" ideas. The members will continue to work on their recommendation for Council before the December meeting.

**Pruning:** Beryl will prioritize the city tree pruning list. He will complete the list by the end of the year. We will start pruning this winter.

**Revitalization of Emory St.:** Was discussed, in part, with Oxford College's request (see above). Beryl Budd composed letter to homeowners about the planting of new trees in their yards. The Board will send out the letters this month. Beryl will also go with James Johnson, from Emory, to the Emory nursery facility to decide on/ pick trees to use.

**Arbor Day, 2019:** The Board members selected Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for next year's Arbor Day event. Prior to the event, Jody will work with Beryl to plant a deodar cedar for the memorial tree. Sallie will work on the poetry and essay contest for the local schools. Cheryl will work with Oxford College to provide the food for Arbor Day.

**Concerns and Announcements:**

1. Beryl announced that registration is still open for the GFUC Conference at Jekyll Island, Nov.14-15. Some scholarship money may be available for attendees from TPR, Cheryl said.
2. The Board discussed the groundbreaking for the Asbury Street Park that took place earlier that day at the project site.

Adjournment at 6:03 PM.

Next meeting will be December 11, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Ferguson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".