

Trees, Parks, Recreation Board (TPR) – City of Oxford, GA
Minutes of Meeting June 12, 2018
Community Room, Oxford City Hall

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

Attendance

Present – Members Cheryl Ready, LaTrelle Oliver, Anderson Wright, Sallie Robinson,
Teresa Welch, Mike Besaw
City Manager Matt Pepper
City Superintendent Jody Reid
Oxford College Events Coordinator Allyson Epps

Absent – Member Laura McCanless
City Arborist Beryl Budd, GUFC
GUFC Community Forester Seth Hawkins

Agenda for meeting

Motion to approve by Sallie Robinson; second by Teresa Welch. Vote 5-0. Motion passed.

Minutes of meeting April 10, 2018

Motion to approve by Mike Besaw; second by Sallie Robinson. Vote 5-0. Motion passed.

Reports and updates

A. Maintenance reports

1. Mitchell Street Park (Rosenwald School Memorial) - young dogwoods are thriving.
2. George Street Park: kiosk repair in process; mulch needs to be refreshed.
3. No decision on Feb. suggestion by Beryl to hire Miles Cope to engrave sizable markers for all memorial trees.

B. Updates

1. Asbury Street Park ad hoc committee report - possibly include on Council agenda for July 2.
2. Yarbrough Oak replanting possibilities on hold.
3. Longstreet Circle park presentation to Council on hold.
4. 6153 Emory Street entrance to city - Laura and Matt sketched possible design ideas. Robert Jordan will survey lot. Committee will consider possibilities for a design contest open to citizens and students.

C. Pruning: City Arborist Beryl Budd supplied a current list he compiled of trees for which professional crown cleaning has been completed in 2016, 2017, 2018 to date, including location, DBH/Species, pruning practice, and notes with company name. All attendees received a copy; see attachment to filed minutes. Beryl emailed further details: (1) Current scheduled pruning by Arbor Equity includes traffic clearance along Asbury St. and perhaps others as well, plus crown cleaning along Whatcoat St. (2) He will inspect this work and add to list. (3) He now has aerial maps with trees identified from each of the pruning jobs. (4) He has requested Seth to use summer interns for a tree inventory of Oxford and will work with them to get this done maybe in July or August. (5) Typical summer work stated on the 2018 Plan includes pruning for pedestrian and mower clearance along sidewalks and mulching for many trees. (6) There is no need for watering as long as rain continues regularly.

D. Emory Street Revitalization Plan - Beryl has made a list of best residential sites for adding trees. A committee will propose a plan for this program to give Council.

F. Arbor Day, 2019 - formulation of ideas

1. Souvenir tote - Teresa and Cheryl have secured a printer using the Richland Co., SC model.
2. Essay contest idea from Richland County - Cheryl gave Sallie the info packet.
3. Cheryl's Cousins students may present The Giving Tree and another poem.

G. Concerns and Announcements - Concerned about the Board's general policy of meeting bimonthly (every two months) Sallie Robinson suggested a way for communicating between times, as needed. She offered to set up a Google group, which is an email system that allows messaging among particular parties. By consensus agreement, she will proceed.

Adjournment 5:50

Motion to adjourn made by Anderson Wright; second by Teresa Welch. Vote 5-0. Motion passed.

Next Board meeting August 14, 2018.

LaTrelle Oliver, Secretary