

Trees, Parks, Recreation Board (TPR) – City of Oxford, GA
Minutes of Meeting
August 13, 2013
Council Meeting Room, Oxford City Hall

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

Attendance

Board members: Cheryl Ready, LaTrelle Oliver, Hulon Clemons, Anderson Wright

City Staff: Jody Reid, City Supervisor; Bob Schwartz, City Manager

City Arborist: Connie Head

Guests: Anna Day, Newton County Collaborative; Joan Scales, Georgia Forestry Commission

Approval of Minutes meetings for April 9, 2013, and June 11, 2013.

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

Unanimous vote to approve by the four board members present: 4, yes; 0, no. Motion carried.

Presentation of Newton County Leadership Collaborative: Newton 2050 Planning for Town and Country, by Anna Day of *The Center Facilitating Community Preservation & Planning*

Continuing Business

1. Arborist Connie Head will:
 - (a) consolidate and update the lists of trees that need pruning;
 - (b) advise condition and possible removal of 3 trees: black locust, George St. Park; large oak on Hull St.; large oak on Godfrey St.;
 - (c) advise planting of new trees: George St. Park and Oxford Square;
 - (d) update last three months of 2013 Work Plan for presentation to Board at October; meeting or sooner if Chairman determines that a called meeting is needed;
 - (e) work with Chairman Ready on preparing Tree City application
2. City Supervisor Jody Reid will direct city crew at George St. Park:
 - (a) ongoing treatment for ant eradication
 - (b) edging concrete trail and memorial bench pads
 - (c) applying Round-Up as needed with memorial bench pads, mulched areas under trees, and drainage grates
3. Membership: City Council will have second reading of ordinance changes from five members to seven members, two of whom may own land inside the city limits but not reside there (Section 39-102).
4. City Council is considering possibility of hiring a professional landscape firm to maintain the city's parks.
5. Chairman Ready has met with Oxford College and City Council representatives to view proposed design for Whatcoat Street and to tour site of new dormitory on Hamill Street.
6. Reporting to Council: Secretary will send draft of minutes to City Hall within three days of meeting. Chairman and Arborist will provide reports for presentation to City Council.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:42 P.M. was made by LaTrelle Oliver. Motion seconded by Anderson Wright. Unanimous vote to approve by the four board members present: 4, yes; 0, no. Motion carried. Next meeting October 8, 2013