

## Tree Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 2009

Board members attended:

Renée Castiglione, Rory Ellington, Marge Bailey, Peter Patton

Others attended:

Alice Russell, Tony Hunter

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am

The agenda for this meeting was not available. An agenda was made at that meeting.

The minutes from the April meeting were not available. Minutes will be approved at the meeting in June.

The Board discussed the progress of the Tree Ordinance. It was said that when presented at the April Town Council meeting, two members were unhappy with the \$5000 deposit for new construction. Renee was at the Planning Board meeting, where they reviewed the Tree Ordinance. A suggestion was made to require the homeowner to get a bond, and not put down a \$5000 deposit. The Ordinance is in the hands of the Town attorney for his review.

While discussing the tree ordinance it was stated by a Board member that it took four weeks for the inspector to look at trees at the golf course. This brought up concern by the Board that inspection should possibly be done by someone other than the building inspector, as trees would not be his first priority.

Tony Hunter, the Town Arborist, was in attendance to discuss what is needed for the tree inventory. Members were given handouts that stated what the state would be looking for in this part of the grant. It was decided that Tony will inventory the public areas of Buckeye Lake, Buckeye Recreation Center, Perry Park, Lake Coffey and Sunset Park. The inventory will consist of checking the diameter, species, health and hazard of trees in those areas. After the inventory is completed Tony will then design a Management Plan to ensure our public areas are kept healthy and safe. Included in this plan will be suggestions for new plantings.

The tree inventory and management plan will be presented to the Board before August 1, 2009.

It was also discussed that hazard trees are very important to identify and take down so that no one can be injured by one. It is not within Board's budget to identify these trees on all the hiking trails. The Board suggested that since BJ Hughes maintains these Town trails and leads hikes on these trails that he take classes, possibly leading to becoming a certified arborist, to help identify these types of trees. Renee will check with the Extension Office regarding classes that are offered.

Alice asked the Board if she thought the town would be interested in hosting a meeting given by the Extension Office. The Board will broach the subject at the next meeting with the Town Manager.

The board discussed replacement trees. If the ordinance states that trees must be replaced, it was decided that the list of replacement trees must be finalized by the June meeting. Board members Rory Ellington, Marge Bailey and Peter Patton; concerned citizen Dr. Alice Russell; and Town arborist, Tony Hunter, will meet to discuss the types of trees to be on the replacement list, a list

of where they can be purchased and which trees would to best at the three elevations designated—  
3500 ft., 4500 ft and 5000 ft.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Renee Castiglione  
Chairperson