

Minutes of the McClellanville Tree Committee - October 19, 2021

Members Present: Larry Mellichamp, Dr. Walter Bonner, Billy McClellan, Kelly Wetzel-Wilson, Marylou High.

Town Representatives: Natalie Lewis, Executive Assistant to Town Administrator and Eddie Bernard, Town Planner and Arborist.

Chairperson, Larry Mellichamp, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Minutes: Minutes were read; there were no corrections or additions. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. B seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Billy McClellan, Treasurer, reviewed the report.

4/7/2021 Beginning Balance:

\$4839.08

Revenue:

\$300.00 Memorial Trees (3)

Expenses:

\$0

Ending Balance:

\$5139.08

Marylou made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

New Business:

*Natalie distributed the 2022 Meeting Schedule for the Town to the committee members.

*Arbor Day Planning – Arbor Day will be held on December 3, 2021 at tentatively 10:00 am at CREECS. Dr. B and Larry will contact Allie Kreutzer, CREECS Environmental Education teacher, to determine the type of tree to be planted and location.

Kelly will try to get Smokey the Bear from USFS to attend. Dr. B mentioned he would like to see older students involved.

*We lost a tree at Elizabeth Dawson Park due to the Pedestrian Bridge construction. It will not be replaced. Greg Frampton bought the tree. He will have a grant tree instead, location to be determined.

*Workday planning – pruning and fertilizing on 11/2/2021 at 9:00 am. Meet at the Deerhead Oak. Marylou will bring her yard trailer. Marylou mentioned a Palmetto tree on Lofton Court that needs to be pruned. Many fronds are hanging way out into the street. The tree is in front of Marcie and Dan Polk's house.

* Eddie Bernard met with SCDOT about a Live Oak tree on 522 Pinckney Street. A limb on the tree is continually hit by large trucks. The limb is huge and if removed not much of the tree would be left. They need to decide what to do with it; it sounds like SCDOT wants to cut it

down. Natalie will discuss this with Michelle McClellan and ask her to contact SCDOT for more information. It was also noted that smaller limbs on trees need to be kept pruned.

Old Business:

*The vines on the Cedar tree at the Boat Landing/Town Hall entrance still need to be pruned.

*At our last meeting we discussed raising the price of Memorial Trees beginning in 2022. We decided to raise the price from \$100 to \$150. The price has been the same since the inception of the Tree Committee and the Memorial Tree Program 22 years ago. Kelly made a motion to raise the Memorial Tree price to \$150 beginning in 2022. Dr. B seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*The subject of planting Memorial trees on private property was briefly mentioned.

Unfortunately, another meeting was scheduled immediately after ours and we had to table the discussion.

Adjourn: Dr. B made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kelly seconded it. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou High
Tree Committee Secretary