

10/17/2023 – Minutes of the McClellanville Tree Committee

Members Present: Dr. Walter Bonner, James Liberatos, Billy McClellan, Marylou High.

Town Representative: Eddie Bernard, Town Planner and Arborist.

Chairperson, Larry Mellichamp, was absent. Marylou High conducted the meeting. She called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Minutes: There was not a July 2023 meeting. Minutes from the 4/18/2023 meeting were emailed prior to tonight's meeting. James 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.

Beginning Balance:

\$6810.52

Revenue:

+1500.00 Annual Transfer

+150.00 Memorial Tree

Expenses:

-131.65 Larry Mellichamp (pine straw & fertilizer)

-406.56 Gabe Purvis (gourds)

Ending Balance:

\$7922.31

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

New Business:

*Arbor Day in McClellanville will be on December 1, 2023. The Arbor Day Celebration will be held at CREECS at 10:00 am. Dr. B has made all of the arrangements with the school. They have requested a Peach tree for the students to plant.

Marylou will speak with Kelly about having Forest Service representatives and Smokey the Bear attend. Dr B will submit an article for the Town Newsletter about the Arbor Day Celebration.

We will also plant 4 Memorial trees at different locations afterwards.

*Power Plant SC – free trees: Eddie will order 5-6 varieties; they will be in 3 gallon containers. He will print information on suggested planting locations and tree care to be given with the trees. He will also write an article about the Tree

Give Away for the Town Newsletter. James will arrange for us to have a table at the Farmer's Market on 12/2/2023. We will need volunteers to help unload the delivery truck on 12/1/2023 and to be at the Farmer's Market from 9-12:00 to give the trees away.

*Eddie spoke of the drainage project planned on Pinckney Street. It will begin in January 2024. There is a Memorial Tree (tree #151) that may be in the way. It will be our responsibility to dig it up and find a new location for it. Eddie will find a new location for the tree and will let us know. We need to ask Larry about our volunteer hole digger.

*Eddie said there was a Persimmon tree by the Pedestrian Bridge that needs to be pruned.
Adjourn: Billy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and James seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou High
Secretary, McClellanville Tree Committee