

## 1/14/2025 – Minutes of the McClellanville Tree Committee

**Members Present:** Billy McClellan, Kelly Wetzel Wilson, Ruthie Lacey, Larry Mellichamp, James Liberatos, Marylou High.

**Town Representative:** Eddie Bernard, Town Planner and Arborist.

Chairperson, Larry Mellichamp, called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 7/16/2024 meeting were emailed to committee members prior to tonight's meeting so everyone could read them beforehand. Ruthie made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

Beginning Balance:

\$9454.71

Revenue:

+300.00 Memorial Trees (2)

Expenses:

-181.13 Larry Mellichamp (2 Live Oaks & SS Screws)

Ending Balance:

\$9573.58

Marylou made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ruthie seconded it. All were in favor.

### **New Business:**

\*Discussed whether we still need the Annual Transfer. The Committee decided yes.

\*Workday, Saturday, January 18 at 9:00 am. Meet at the Deerhead Oak, bring shovels and rakes. We will plant 2 Memorial Trees; 1 for Joyce Thomas and 1 for Richard Chaytor, a former TC volunteer. The Committee will buy Richard's tree. Larry and Kelly will dig the holes.

\*Larry has no room to store TC things (water bags, stakes, fertilizer, collars, etc.). Ruthie will check with Christine about storing them in the shed below Town Hall. If not, Kelly volunteered space in her pole shed.

\*We will water the newly planted trees every 2 weeks in the Winter until mid-March.

\*Marylou spoke of how helpful Christine was when completing the Tree City application. We have passed through the state level of the application and it is now onto the national level.

\*Ruthie spoke of too many trees being cut down from the lots on McClellan Ave. We discussed what can be done to save more trees. Ruthie suggested maybe having a form letter to give to new property owners when they come to Town Hall for their permit. Ruthie and Eddie will work on the letter and send the draft to the Committee.

\*Cedar tree on the corner of Pinckney and entrance to Town Hall. Michelle wanted our opinion on whether or not to cut it down. Ruthie made a motion not to cut the tree down, Kelly seconded it. All were in favor.

**Adjourn:** James made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Marylou seconded it. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou High

Secretary, McClellanville Tree Committee