

October 14, 2025 – Minutes of the McClellanville Tree Committee

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

Town Representative: Eddie Bernard, Town Planner and Arborist.

Chairperson, Larry Mellichamp, called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the 7/8/2025 meeting were emailed to committee members prior to tonight's meeting to be read beforehand to save time. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes as written. James seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

Beginning Balance:

\$9855.53

Revenue:

+\$1500.00 (7/1/25) Annual Transfer from Town

Expenses:

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Ending Balance:

\$11,355.53

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

New Business:

*We discussed how to honor Dr. Bonner for his 26 years of service for the Tree Committee. Marylou will contact David and ask about planting a tree in his honor. Locations suggested: his home, at NWPC, or MM School. We will also get in touch with Michelle about getting us on the December Town Council Meeting agenda to publicly honor Dr. B.

*Kelly gave a de-vining report. Hot spots: North Pinckney and Pinckney St. by Veteran's Memorial. We set up workdays for November 1 and 8 at 9:00. Meet at North Pinckney.

*Marylou shared her and Ruthie's pruning report. They suggested for future reports to add details. Trees on private property will no longer be cared for; it'll be the owner's responsibility.

*Larry and James' pruning report: they completed all the pruning.

*Kelly reported that we are now in a dormant growing season. Water ½" every 2 weeks.

*Training dates with David Grant possibly 1/10/26 or 1/17/26. Eddie will contact him. Prune 5 large trees and 5 small trees? Possibly plant a tree?

Adjourn: Billy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and James seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou High

Secretary, McClellanville Tree Committee