

4/8/2025 – Minutes of the McClellanville Tree Committee

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

Town Representative: Eddie Bernard, Town Planner and Arborist.

Chairperson, Larry Mellichamp, called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the 1/14/2025 meeting were emailed to committee members prior to tonight's meeting so everyone could read them beforehand. 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:

\$9573.58

Revenue:

\$300.00 Memorial Trees (2)

Expenses:

-60.00 Larry Mellichamp (Live Oak)

-98.05 Gabe Purvis (Heavy duty post driver)

-360.00 Larry Mellichamp (6 Live Oaks)

Ending Balance:

\$9355.53

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

New Business:

*Workday - 4/16/25 meet at 9:00 am at the Deerhead Oak. Bring loppers, hand saws, clippers.

*Discussed hiring a contractor to prune trees. Billy will ask Michelle how many bids we need.

We discussed the list Gabe submitted. James suggested we prune the younger trees; 16 trees – 2020 to present day. Kelly made a motion the Tree Committee prune the 2020 to present trees and Eddie and Larry will check on the other 14 trees and give us a second opinion. Marylou seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*Eddie presented the draft letter he and Ruthie wrote to give to homeowners asking for a tree removal permit. We made some minor changes. Marylou made a motion for Eddie finalize it and pass it on to Michelle. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*Eddie spoke about Dominion's upcoming pruning and herbicide treatment. Every 5 years for pruning and 1-2 years herbicide afterwards.

*Eddie spoke of a Native Plant Sale on 4/19/25 at Boone Hall from 10:00-1:00pm.

Adjourn:

James made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou High

Secretary, McClellanville Tree Committee