

Trees, Parks and Recreation Board (TPR) – City of Oxford, GA

Minutes of Meeting **April 9, 2019**

Community Room, Oxford City Hall

At 5:08 PM, Chairman Ready called the meeting to order.

Attendance

Present – Members: Cheryl Ready, Anderson Wright, and Mike Besaw.

Lisa Williams, Oxford Resident

Matt Pepper, City Manager

Jody Reid, City Superintendent

Absent – Members: Sallie Robinson and Laura McCanless.

Seth Hawkins, GUFC Community Forester

Beryl Budd, City Arborist, GUFC

Agenda for meeting: Upon motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Besaw, the agenda for the April 9, 2019 meeting was adopted. The vote was 3-0.

Minutes of meeting February 12, 2019: Upon motion of Mr. Besaw, seconded by Mr. Wright, the minutes for the meeting held on February 12, 2019 were adopted as amended. The vote was 3-0.

Status of Work Plan, 2019: The Board reviewed the city's 2019 Tree Management Work Plan prepared by Beryl Budd.

Reports and Updates:

1. Mitchell Street Park – Mr. Wright reported that the recently-planted dogwood trees are doing well. In addition, he reported that Mayor Roseberry asked him to inquire if Tommy Ballard would be interested in selling the property to the city.
2. George Street Park (Split Rail Fencing) – Mr. Reid reported that he received one quote for \$3,200 to replace the split-rail fence surrounding the park. He will keep working to find another quote.
3. Emory Street Survivors – The Board discussed the poor health of the three trees in front of the Philips' property that were planted after the city completed the project to replace the water main along Emory Street. Ms. Ready recommended that the city replace them. Mr. Reid will visit the property to assess the trees and property.
4. Asbury Street Park – Ms. Ready reported that Council will discuss the naming of Asbury Street Park at the April 15th Work Session. She encouraged all interested parties to attend the Work Session.

5. Yarbrough Oak Replanting – Ms. Ready reported that Native Tree successfully transplanted the Yarbrough Oak sapling from Mr. Wearing’s property to the Yarbrough House property.
6. Longstreet Circle – Ms. Ready reported that the city approved the sale of the lot located at 101 Longstreet Circle.
7. 6153 Emory Street – Mr. Pepper reported that the city contacted seven local masons to bid on constructing the welcome sign. In return, the city received only one bid from Designed Installations for \$22,950. Mr. Pepper said that the team working on the sign project will investigate other available stone (aside from granite) to reduce the cost to complete the project.

Pruning Issues: Mr. Reid reported that Rayfield Tree Care pruned the 10 trees listed in the inventory prepared by Mr. Budd.

Emory Street Revitalization Plan: Ms. Ready stated that the Board will attempt to complete the revitalization project in the fall of 2019. As part of the project, Mr. Budd will accompany James Johnson with Oxford College to the nursery to pick out the trees. In addition, the Board will prepare the Right-of-Entry Permission form and compile an updated list of interested residents.

Moore Street Sidewalk Project: Ms. Ready reported on the Council’s decision to install the sidewalk in the city right-of-way along Moore Street from Longstreet Circle to Haygood Street. Mr. Reid reported that the location of the sidewalk should have minimal effect on the existing trees located along Moore Street.

Budget/Inventory: The Board discussed the status of its budget for FY2019.

Growth Award: The Board identified eligible activities that they could complete in order to earn the Growth Award offered by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Board will discuss the eligible activities in greater detail at the June 2019 meeting.

Adjournment at 5:44 PM.

Next meeting will be June 11, 2019.