

## Tree Board Minutes

May 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 4 pm

Attendance: Wes Powell, Alex Wills, Brian Beuscher, Councilman Ron Erb, and Eddie Combs.

1. Wes reported for Kathrine in her absence. The vandalized trees on Franklin St will be replaced by Lanier Lawn and Landscaping once they find a source for the trees.
2. The arboretum tag QR codes no longer work due to the City's website upgrades. Kathrine will order new QR stickers to put over the old codes. The Grand Opening will be put on hold until the new codes can be installed.
3. The board has purchased \$533 worth of educational material through the ISA website as well as \$880 worth of trees from Growild to replace many of the dead arboretum trees. These trees will be planted tomorrow. There will also be a purchase of coloring books and seed packets for the kids.
4. 5 Amur Maples were donated and planted in Liberty Park in honor of the late Tom Cunningham.
5. Kathrine asked that if anyone knew of people looking for work, her part time help quit and she is need of a laborer.
6. APHIS has delivered 10 purple EAB traps and pheromones to set up monitoring stations throughout the city. If anyone knows where some good Ash tree candidates are on public property, please let Kathrine know.
7. The TAEP grant will be awarded this month and the Director of Parks and Recreation has asked if the trees could be used in the City's golf courses. The board agreed with this as long as there is no greater need somewhere else.
8. Mayor Pitts has inquired about finishing the Franklin St tree replacement. Kathrine expressed her need for help from other City entities. She is hoping to start back up on May 20<sup>th</sup> and continue until complete, weather and foot traffic permitting. The block from 1<sup>st</sup> St. to 2<sup>nd</sup> St will pose many more utility challenges.

9. The board discussed what information should go on the CDE bill inserts.  
We agreed that Topping should be the first topic covered.

10. APSU celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Plant the Campus Red last month.  
We had just under 100 volunteers. Kathrine served as a team leader for the tree planting group. This group planted 5 new trees on campus. 2 dogwoods, one redbud and 2 Arizona Cypress.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.