

Morgantown Tree Board (MTB)
Minutes, regular meeting of November 26, 2012

Present: MTB members Dave Barnett, Katherine Payne, Marchetta Maupin, Secretary Jon Weems, and Chair Kara Hurst

Chair Kara called the meeting to order at 4:34 in City Council chambers and noted that a quorum was present.

Kara indicated the minutes of previous meetings should be reformatted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order prior to submission for approval.

Old Business

1. Funding. There has been no specific response to MTB's October letter to the City pointing out the need for funding. Evidently there is a problem with cash flow – MTB needs to submit the time money is needed, not just the amount. MTB also needs to do a better job of keeping track of volunteer hours. Dave will check on a google system that might help.
2. MTRP. Mike Reynolds (Reynolds Nursery, OH) will be in Morgantown before the end of the month to do the MTRP tree planting. Dave will meet Mike to coordinate. Dan had an accident at work and will be unable to help with this year's MTRP planting.
3. Year of the Tree. Dave moved that MTB offer support to the citizen initiative to designate 2013 as Morgantown's "Year of the Tree." Katherine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Spruce Street trees. It was noted that the pear trees in front of the library have been removed, replaced by planters. Also, some challenged trees by the Public Safety Building have been removed. The Urban Landscape Commission is working on design suggestions for the PSB area.

New Business

1. MTRP. There was discussion of possibly working in Sabraton next year.
2. Web site. It was noted that MTB's contribution to the City's web page needs to be updated. We can submit materials to Jeff Mikorski. Dave said he would check with former MTB member Patrick Tobin, who was working on this matter when Patrick was an MTB member.
3. Tree inventory. With the Tree Tracker software contract purchase delayed, MTB needs an interim means of tracking trees and tree problems. Concern was expressed that without any means to update information, the good work done before now may go stale and lose value.
4. Next meeting. The next meeting was set for 4:30 December 17 in Council chambers.

Jon moved for adjournment. Dave seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.

Jon Weems