

**MINUTES**  
**STATHAM TREE COMMITTEE**  
**April 18, 2019**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Committee was called to order by Chairman Dwight McCormic at 6:32pm.

Members present were Chairman Dwight McCormic, Co-Chairman Edward Jackson , Asst. City Clerk Gloria Giddens, Public Works Director Sam Powell. Community Members attending were: Michael Waldrip, Gary Venable, Jessica Crook and Andrew Crook and Kurt Beognreider. City Clerk Kay Fortney was absent.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2019 meeting  
Edward Jackson made a motion to approve. Jessica Crook seconded, unanimous.

**3. SELECTING THE SPECIES OF TREES**

- A. Michael Waldrip has checked on some tree availability for Arbor Day planting of our 1<sup>st</sup> tree. He has checked with several area nurseries. Southeastern Nursery & Stovall Nursery has best prices, however Southeastern will not have the kind of tree we wanted as soon as we need it for Arbor Day. They will have the "October Glory" available for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 in time for fall planting season. Stovall Nursery has a 2" base for \$155. And a 4" base for \$400. which seems to be more along what we are looking for our first planting. Possibilities will include the Pink & White Dogwoods to begin with. Plans being made for large planting in the Fall. Maximum height suggested is 15' mature height for power line sides of road.
- B. Location for future trees was tabled pending zone assignments to members to enable them to scout the area for empty spaces or other damaged trees within sight. First area to be zoned will be along Broad Street from Mulberry to Eighth Street.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Layout Plan: A layout plan was suggested by Kurt Beognreider, that we may want to check to be certain among committee members to survey and determine areas of vacant space-whether due to recent cuts and removal of trees, or just open areas that may profit from new plantings. Sam advised the next scheduled cut is tree #5 due to core damage, but no date has been set at this time. He will provide the list of future scheduled cuts and reasons to Committee Members on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> via email. The Committee could possibly reassess trees slated for cutting for imminent threat. Sam stated the City was initially concerned about the safety of our citizens. Criteria should be obtained for the cutting of the trees; such as can they be saved? Immediate replanting? Need to reassess at Fall planting.
- B. Ceremony: The ceremony for planting our 1<sup>st</sup> tree will be Saturday April 27, 2019 @ 10:00 am. @ 1937 Broad Street, Statham, Ga. Committee members will plan to meet at the site of the new planting. Sam Powell and Michael Waldrip will plan to meet ahead regarding necessary details of hole depth, mulch, stakes, etc.  
Gary Venable will work on banner sign (2'x4') size with STATHAM TREE COMMITTEE.  
Dwight McCormic will provide the shovel for the groundbreaking ceremony.
- C. Donations / Dedications: No action taken at this time.
- D. Volunteers: No actions taken at this time.
- E. Any remaining items are tabled and will be discussed at next meeting which will be Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

## **5. AGENDA SET FOR May 20, 2019**

- A. Deciding on trees remaining on contract and any action to be taken
- B. Preventing any future unnecessary cutting
- C. Implementing Fall Planting Program- When? Where?
- D. Phase determination:
  - 1. Replacement
  - 2. Augmentation
  - 3. Cost
  - 4. Zones: Where to plant

## **6. GENERAL DISCUSSION FROM THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

- A. Suggestions were made regarding Native vs. Non-Native for this area, diversity, low maintenance and longevity.
- B. It was also suggested that any future major cuts of trees should go through the following channels: Mayor/ Council/ Tree Committee before any cuts are made.
- C. Email addresses of Committee Members present:
  - Michael Waldrip- [MIKE@MWSCAPES.COM](mailto:MIKE@MWSCAPES.COM)
  - Gary Venable- [GARYVENABLE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GARYVENABLE@GMAIL.COM)
  - Jessica Crook- [jessicahood@gmail.com](mailto:jessicahood@gmail.com)
  - Kurt Beognreider- [KURTJCHRISTINE@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:KURTJCHRISTINE@BELLSOUTH.NET)

## **7. ADJOURN**

With no further business to discuss, Edward Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Andrew Crook seconded, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.