

MINUTES
STATHAM TREE COMMITTEE
September 10 2019
6:00P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Committee was called to order by Dwight McCormic at 6:06 pm.

Members present were Dwight McCormic, Jessica Crook, Gary Venable, Tim & Sandi Terelli., Susan Martin, Kurt and Christine Bogenrieder, Joe Piper, Wade Casto.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to approve at this time.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Approval of notes from last Statham Tree Committee meeting were reviewed. Kurt Bogenrieder made a motion to approve, seconded by Sandy Terelli, unanimous.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Selecting the species of trees:

Christine Bogenrieder provided a list of trees that were suggested on the Statham Tree Committee Facebook page. Suggestions were: Scarlet Oak, Southern Red Oak, Georgia Oak, Ash Tree, Water Oak, Narrow Leaf, Crabapple, Dogwood, Tulip Poplar, Sugar Maple, Dawn Redwood, Ginko, Crepe Myrtle, Darlington Oak.

Kurt Bogenrieder-Concentrate on replacement of the water oaks we have lost, and management of current trees to water trees that we have planted. Should we provide a small water bill credit for those currently watering a tree? We need a schedule of prioritization for maintenance of the trees.

b. City of Statham currently provides a waiver to citizens who have trees removed on a homeowners property line that the city will not be held liable for damage to their home upon removal of the tree. Power company may take down trees at no cost to a homeowner if a tree may be of immediate threat to the power lines. We would like to find out from the City what the procedure for tree removal is, we would like to see the waiver and find out when/why the waiver is used.

As we are choosing trees, we need to consider long-term ease of maintenance.

Selecting the locations and species- replace water oaks with a variance of oak trees. Group in agreement.

Gary Venable has a specific location requested- 1885/1895 Broad Street (yellow house) where an oak was removed. The neighbor would like the tree replaced.

c. Dwight McCormic reads the list of trees that have been removed- at least 10 trees have been Removed. 3 were in the park trail. Others were in town.

Two at 310 Jefferson stayed
1885 Broad Street had one removed
1937 was replaced (Cricket's house)
1957 Broad had one or two removed
1975 Broad had one removed
1989 Broad had two water oaks removed
2021 Broad had one removed – request to grind stump and neighbor asked tree be shifted
Towards Gary's property so nothing falls on his property. Would like an oak.

Is stump grinding included in the price of the "tree removal" or does the Tree committee eat this in their budget? Who is overseeing the cutting down and trending of the stumps?

We need a protocol for who is going to ask questions of the city. Sam? Bring it up at City Council meetings?

Gary Venable makes a motion to nominate a vice-chairman, Dwight McCormic seconded. All in agreement to vote for a vice-chairman. Dwight McCormic suggests to nominate Kurt Bogenreider. Kurt accepts nomination to be vice-chairman. All are in agreement to nominate Kurt. If we have issues to be brought to the City, Kurt will get on the agenda to present the questions. Kurt will get on the next City Council agenda to ask about the contract to waive liability and the stump grinding.

- d. Items to bring up at City council meeting:
1. Are the stumps scheduled to be ground and when?
 2. Waiver
 3. Request for tree maintenance.

We currently will not nominate a treasurer as we are not currently handling money directly.

Wade Casto will reach out to local tree nurseries and scope out the cost of the oaks that are currently available.

Jessica-1957 Broad Street

Gary- 2021 Broad Street

Wade- 1885 Broad Street

Kurt- 1975 Broad Street

Dwight- 1907 Broad Street

Tim- 1989 Broad Street (two trees here)

Susan will contact Crickett about the maintenance of her tree

3 volunteers to pick bare spots – Christine, Joe, group decision

4. Agenda set for Next Meeting

1. Discuss the three items
2. Purchase, planting and preparation for fall planting
3. Goal to get 10 trees replaced
4. Members will bring the details of speaking to the respective homeowners that were assigned
5. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 24, 2019 @6.p.m.

3. ADJOURN

Tim Terelli makes a motion to adjourn. Sandy seconded. All in favor to adjourn.