

Taylorville City Tree Board Meeting
March 20, 2012

Members Present:

Phyllis Wilson
Chad Lavin
Rhonda Kraft
Alderman Burtle

Members Absent:

Geri Niemann
Adam Johnson

Chairman Kraft called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

First agenda item discussed was the proposed streetscaping project for the corner of Route #29 & McAdam Drive. Diseased and damaged trees were removed from the property by Street & Sewer Department & Lake Department crews on March 5th & 6th. This also included the removal of an understory of undesirable trees and a thicket area overgrown with invasive honeysuckle which has trapped a great deal of trash through the years. The necessity of more clean up before planting new trees was discussed. Chairman Kraft stated that she had contacted Lee Mateer from the high school to ask that some of his FFA students might volunteer a work day. She is waiting to hear back from him. Board member Lavin said that he would contact Sheriff Kettlekamp to see if there might be members of the community who are required to complete community service hours. Alderman Burtle made the suggestion that we contact a local rental store to see if they would be willing to donate the necessary equipment needed for the clean up and the tree planting process. Chairman Kraft said she would do this and solicit as much help with the project as possible.

Chairman Kraft presented copies of a proposed site plan for the area and figures on the cost of the plan. She also included a report on the current balance and pending donations to the tree fund. Donated funds continue to grow and there should be no problem with covering the cost of the new trees. Chairman Kraft made a motion to recommend approval of the site plan. Board member Wilson seconded it and the motion passed 3-0. Chairman Kraft will present the plan and be available for questions at the upcoming Street & Sewer Committee meeting on March 22, 2012.

Chairman Kraft stated that she had walked the square to examine the Ginkgo trees planted two years ago. All the trees on the south, east, & west sides appear to be budding out but the two remaining trees on the north side of the square have no signs of life. It was agreed that they need to be replaced this fall.

Motion to adjourn by board member Lavin, seconded by board member Kraft. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 P.M.

Rhonda Kraft, Chairman