

Winterville Tree Commission Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Attending: Roger Cauthen, Averil Bonsall, Bob Bonsall, Holly Campbell

Meeting Notes:

Roger welcomed Averil and Bob Bonsall to the Winterville Tree Commission. To better understand the responsibilities of being on the Commission, Roger recommended that Holly, Averil and Bob all read Section 7 in the Tree Ordinance. Roger also said that Holly, Averil and Bob will need to be approved by City Council as a final vote for being on the Winterville Tree Commission, though Dodd (as Mayor) has approved.

Begin to read through the Ordinance and begin to develop a 2-page brief, simplified overview of the Ordinance for residents. Try to complete this by the end of the year, or early next year.

Holly put a Tree Ordinance entry into the upcoming Winterville Gazette newsletter. Another will need to be developed around March. Holly's entry included information about planting and pruning trees and upcoming tree events in Winterville.

Holly is working with Dodd, Seth Hawkins (GA Forest Commission), and Winterville Elementary to sign the school up for GFC's Making the Shade program for 2019. This program supports trees being donated and planted in and around the playground. Trees Seth, Dodd, Holly, and the Wville Elementary principal are meeting sometime on Friday, January 26th to go out to the playground. Exact time has yet to be announced.

There are some upcoming educational events:

- **February 20th (Tuesday)- *Winterville Arbor Day Celebration***-1pm-3pm??. The celebration will begin at the Depot and then move to the commemorative tree planting (along Main St.?). Tree will be purchased by city (?) and planted in honor of the Winterville community (?). Roger will also introduce the Winterville Commemorative Tree Program at the event. The tree planting will provide recommendations for the proper way to plant a tree. Though the planting hole will be dug, and tree prepped prior to the event, attendees can add soil to assist in planting the tree. Following the tree planting, Roger will provide a pruning demonstration to illustrate young tree training (central leader, lateral branch structure, and reduction pruning, etc.).
 - **To do in advance of event-**
 - Complete poster, print, and distribute (library, Little City Diner, City Hall, Community Center).
 - Locate tree and purchase. Pick up prior to event.
 - Identify location to plant.
 - Prep hole in advance of day.
 - Advertise on W-ville sign, through listserves, and on Facebook. Flagpole?
- **April 14th (Saturday)- *Winterville Tree Tour***- This year's tree tour will focus on tree and forest health. Speakers and tour will include information and demonstrations on invasive species control, and common landscape and insect pests. Potential speakers are: Dr. Dave Coyle (UGA)

on tree insects of concern (Dave is Holly's co-worker), Dr. Jean Woodward (UGA) who can speak to tree disease, and Mike Wharton (ACC Parks and Rec)/ other to discuss invasive plant species. Demonstrations will be locations where the tour will go.

- **To do in advance of event-**
 - Identify and invite speakers.
 - Decide on a time.
 - Develop a description.
 - Make a poster.
 - Determine whether alcohol is included.
 - Determine whether a fee is associated with event. Advertise in Flagpole, distribute flyer across Wville and Athens, advertise at UGA, social media and local listserves.
- **Marigold Festival (date?)**- Make large tree price tags that hang from prominent trees near the festival that list benefits of tree (\$, amounts, and qualitative). These tags will be laminated so they can be used in subsequent years.