

CITY OF CAMDEN PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES – October 13, 2015

Members Present: Jane Miller, Mary Sue Truesdale, Thelma Rutledge, Barb Willens, Bob Williams, Maureen Renault and Al Reed

Staff Present: Liz Gilland, Urban Forester

NEXT MEETING: Pkg tree seedlings on 11/4/15 at 9am and Arbor Day Ceremony on 11/5/15 at 11am

The meeting was opened at 4:05 p.m. by Liz. The minutes from the September 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Al to accept as presented, it was seconded by Barb and all approved the minutes.

CITY UPDATE:

- *Kirkwood Park Concession Stand* – Street Dept has been tasked with replacing the steel doors
- *Commerce Alley Improvement Project* – Liz must provide a design and get it landscaped.
- *Kendall Park Clubhouse* – Liz must provide a design and get it landscaped.
- *City Arena* – Construction still under way. Sassafras Landscaping working on the irrigation and landscape plan
- *Park Use Requests* – Rectory Sq. Camden Comm Concert Band (10/18/15)
- *Tree Removals* – Storm damaged trees: Post oaks (2) at Hampton Park, Willow oak (1) at Kendall Park and (1) Desassure Street. Dead trees: Laurens Street & Kirkwood Common.
- *Underground wires and new street lights* – still working along Lyttleton Street.
- *T.R.A.Q.* – The City hosted a 2.5 day Tree Risk Assessment Qualifications Training on Oct. 7-9. Approx. 18 ISA Certified Arborists from around the state, including Camden Urban Forester, attended this specialized training.
- *Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony* – Tuesday, December 1st at 6pm

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day – Change in plans: Ceremony will now be Thursday, November 5th at 11am at Monument Sq. Park. Seedlings ordered, need to follow up with Camden Elementary School, Tree Foundation to help with tree cost and planting. Liz will need assistance on Nov 4th packaging up the tree seedlings for give-away after the ceremony as well as help setting up and serving refreshments on Nov. 5th. The City hopes to partner with the Kershaw County Soil & Water Conservation Dist. to sponsor Tim Womick in giving tree performances at Camden and Jackson Elementary Schools in December.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks Inventory & Needs List – In the interest of time, this was deferred to the January meeting.

Storm Damage – Liz reported that 4 public trees fell over as a result of the epic rains earlier in the month. Three

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trees were in in the parks and 1 was on Desassure Street. There were also several other private trees that fell over onto the city ROWs. Also, two foot bridges in Kendall Park, 1 large and 1 small, floated away and were damaged. We are looking for someone who would like the wood and to haul them away.

Other – 1) The Kirkwood Common Park address still needs to be corrected on the City website. 2) Thelma asked Liz to check on the roots lifting her driveway pavement. 3) Sue mentioned that clean-up of a storm-damaged tree on Doby Street was slow to get cleaned up.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Liz Gilland, Camden Urban Forester

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