

Smithfield City Tree Committee Board Meeting 18 February 2015

Meeting held at the Smithfield City Office @ 7:00 P.M.

Conducting: Chair-Lisa Michaels

1. Lisa read the minutes from our last meeting. Dixon moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Geoff. Motion carried.
2. Lisa welcomed the Assistant Chairperson for 2015, Geoffrey Miller.
3. Selection of additional members of the committee for 2015. Lonnie McCulloch and Kelton Miller were selected by the board to serve on the tree committee.
4. Discussion of Memorial Tree Program. Lisa made the new committee members aware of our memorial tree program. Dixon has made the tree selection booklet with multiple photos of each tree showing leaves, fruits, nuts, pods, bark, fall color, etc. Lisa is working on the booklet adding more photos where needed. Jesse said he could make a newer more updated site map from google earth this summer. Once we have the updated map Lisa can then add the site numbers, etc. Lisa looked at the rocks Jesse moved to the nature center. Some are not 14" by 20 "and some do not have a flat side for engraving. It was suggested we work with Craig Allen in Cove when we need a nice rock. We hope to have a clear explanation of the memorial tree program and a smaller copy of the map to hand out at the booth at health days. It was suggested we have a photo of Lisa's Tree and Rock at the nature center. Jesse thought a fresh new layer of bark could be spread throughout the nature park and it could be a project for an eagle scout.
5. Health Days Discussion. Health Days booth will take place on 9 May 2015 at Forrester Acres. Jeff has secured the booth space with the recreation department. Jeff will bring 3 tables and 3 to 4 chairs. Dixon will pick up the Pop Up from the city office. Booth setup will take place at 7:00am. Geoff, Jeff and Loren will set up. Schedule for Saturday: 11 to 1 Dixon, Loren, Jordan and Kelton. 1 to 3 Lisa, Jeff and Geoff. Lisa will pick up or have Zollingers deliver 3 trees for our give away. Lisa will review and update the materials in the boxes at the city office. Lisa will also bring her tree books for use at the booth. Lonnie suggested having pieces of Petrified wood.
6. Arbor Day Poster Contest in the schools. Jeff will get the details from Phyllis about how we conducted the contest last year.
7. The Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting will take place on Saturday May 9, 2015, at 12:00 Noon at Forester Acres. Jesse will select and purchase the tree and have the site prepared for

planting. The Mayor and Council member Barnes will be in attendance. Jeff will bring some chairs.

8. Tree City USA awards program will take place on April 15, 2015 in Salt Lake City at the University of Utah, Officer's Club. Jesse plans to attend for the city and pick up our flag kit, etc.
9. Pruning Demonstration. Ben Harris, a certified arborist, has agreed to conduct our pruning demonstration again this year. It will be at the same location as last year which is 455 East Center Street in Smithfield. The location is easy to find, there is plenty of parking and we can use the signs from last year. There are fruit trees on the property. The owner is Harry Cieslak. It will start at 9:00 am on Saturday March 21, 2015.
10. Lisa introduced us to the Emerald Ash Borer, a metallic green colored beetle which infests ash trees and kills them. 25% of urban forests in Utah are planted to Ash trees. The EAB is not yet in Utah but is already in Colorado. This invading insect may devastate Utah's ash trees so Utah cities are working on proactive plans to fight the invasion.
11. A member of the committee asked about Lee's Marketplace program for planting trees. Jeff will ask Pete Krusi about the wooden nickel program for trees and report at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be March 18, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. Minutes by Jeff Barnes