Minutes
Statham Tree, Greenspace & Beautification Committee
Monday May 20, 2024
6:30 pm

Call to order-
Committee was called to order By Chair Tim Terilli at 6:30

Members and community present were: Christine Bogenrieder, Mickey Smith, Mark Smith, Susan Russell, Deborah Killip. Jeff Killip, Dwight McCormic, Shannon Patterson, Dean Coy, Betty Lyle, Tim Terilli, Neal Bender and Cathy Bennett

Motion to approve minutes was made by Tim. Mark made the motion, Mickey seconded. All present voted yes.
Amend agenda Dwight made the motion to amend to include signage discussion at #11 and move adjourn to #12. Mark seconded, all present voted in the affirmative.

New Business-
Guest Speakers- Susan, Deborah and Jeff, introduced themselves and what they did in Jefferson.
Some notes from their talk- Our tree canopy is 45-50% . Increasing will be difficult but maintaining is possible.
Importance of trees- National Tree benefits calculator
Erosion= stormwater . Tree absorb stormwater runoff
Tree benefits besides shade: prevent skin cancer, land value, trees save millions of dollars by absorbing pollution/money not having to be spent on other means.
Firewise planting
Disadvantaged communities grant. Community engagement- seminars, Social media etc
Tree council college for ordinance, don't have to be city residents, possible businesses too
July 18th Winterville meeting possible field trip

Adjusting our city tree ordinance, look at other cities and let Jody review.
Sign at Rainwater Park needs to be repaired. Dwight will make recommendations. Betty said Sunflower Committee will provide money for repairs as needed.
Gates at the parks need repair.

Old Business-
Shannon- Amber took photos for Statham for postcard style mural idea. Drawing review asap.
Dog Park relocation- waterline will need to be relocated, volunteers to help
Playground area
Tree trimming needs to be done out of this years budget. 2024 Budget review ,$1k more requested for 2025

Motion to adjourn made by Mickey, 2nd Dwight, all present in favor. 7:49