

Minutes
Northern Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council
March 17, 2010

Meeting called to order by Tom Davis, 12 noon at **Hoggy's Barbecue and Grill**. Those in attendance were: Tom Davis, Steve Meyers, Kris Stone, DJ Scully, Mike Klahr, Sherry Carran, Mark Jacobs, Scott Beuerlein, Chris Scott, Matt Haywood and Rick Horn.

Minutes from February 17, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Rick Horn and seconded by Sherry Carran.

Treasurer's report for March 16, 2010 was approved on a motion by Mike Klahr, seconded by Sherry Carran.

Old Business

Certified Arborist Program: No report from DJ Scully. Tom Davis proposed candidate for program, Matt Franz. DJ Scully suggested recipient pay half of testing fee up front as show of good faith and if recipient passed test they would be refunded their one half investment. Sherry Carran made motion for recipient to pay one half up front to council and council pays fee for testing. If recipient passes test they will be refunded their deposit. Mike Klahr seconded the motion. Motion passed with one opposing vote from Mark Jacobs who felt recipient should pay full fee up front and then be reimbursed.

Public Works Tree Seminar: Mike Klahr announced there were over 135 attendees at the Public Works Tree Seminar. The evaluation results are not finished but the initial comments were very favorable. There were 46 ISA certified arborists attending with a total of 392 CEU's awarded, 276 ISA CEU's and 56 pesticide spray CEU's. Mike said next year's date for the seminar is Thursday March 10th 2011 at the Boone County Extension office in the morning with a practical field lab in the afternoon at the Boone County Arboretum. The seminar will center on the structural pruning of young large maturing trees and proper tree pruning techniques. Tom Davis indicated he would like to bring Rick Ecabert back to teach in the morning. There will be a teaching fee associated with Rick's teaching.

Reforest NKY 2010: The event is set for March 27, Ryle High School, Union, with 2,500 seedlings ordered. Kris Stone indicated all systems were go. Set-up is 7am, group leaders at 8am with program to start at 9am. Marsha Ball will handle registration. Expected attendance is between 200 and 300 hundred volunteers.

Marketing: Sherry indicated she and Jenny have spoken with Charlotte and given her instructions as to how to proceed. They will report back when Charlotte has produced some information.

Website: Tom is gathering ideas and updating the site as possible.

Membership Program: No Report.

Grant Efforts/Fall Event: Subcommittee met and determined that the Public Workers Seminar, Fall Dinner, TIOC, and Reforest NKY are the priority programs for future fund-raising through grants and sponsorship. Grant correspondence has been initiated with Toyota and the Nippert Foundation. The Fall Dinner will be at Twin Oaks and is scheduled for Thursday, October 21st from 6PM - 10PM. Scott Beuerlein confirmed with speaker Steve Foltz. We will need a title for Steve's presentation with a brief synopsis. This will be added to a flyer to be produced by late August date. Awards and Fall Event committees will meet to discuss 2011 awards program and processes of identification.

New Business:

Sherry reported trees for tracks program was not awarded funds this year but perhaps next year

DJ Scully requested borrowing planting supplies for a reforestation effort in Campbell County on April 10, 2010.

Motion to adjourn Mike Klahr, second Rick Horn, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 1pm

Next Council meeting is April 21, 2010 at the Campbell County Extension office 12PM