

**MINUTES**  
**STATHAM TREE COMMITTEE**  
**Monday May 15, 2023**  
**6:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Committee was called to order by Chairman Tim Terilli at 6:37

Members present were : Dwight McCormic , Tim Terilli, Christine Bogenrieder, Kurt Bogenrieder, Mickey Smith, Debi Krause, Mark Smith, Gary Venable.

Motion to approve minutes called by Tim, Motion made by Dwight, Debi seconded, unanimous.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Mission statement read by Mark. We will keep it as posted on facebook.
- B. Lea Clark guest speaker , Community Forester GA Forestry commission
  - Highlights- ISA manual guide, help us in deciding where and what to plant
  - Purpose /functional goals of trees
  - Considerations:
    - Light requirements, pollution tolerance, pest resistance
    - Growth form, mature size, wood strength, longevity
    - Native trees
  - Liabilities:
    - Exposed roots, berries, Hawthorne needles
  - Soil testing before planting by RR- UGA can test
  - Planting trees:
    - Topmost root level, root flare even with ground, shallow wide hole
    - Remove as much of the shipping materials as possible, remove excess soil, stem girdling roots, remove a chunk.
    - Don't fertilize at planting
    - Mulch 2-4 inches, wider IS better than deeper
- C. Recommendations- take soil sample to nursery, they can help pick what would work.
- D. Community issues:
  - Gary- leaning tree by his house in alleyway, they will remove if no objections, no objections noted by committee.
  - Give a report on this committees work every month or so. Tim will submit.

Kurt- small trees by Statham house need to be removed, committee agreed, Kurt will remove.

Mark- RR corner, messy and there's a knocked down sign when coming into town. Historical things in the park are overgrown and covered up. Park cleanup day?  
Dog cleanup boxes in town? Christine will look into them. Dog park needs care.  
GA Power line on 2<sup>nd</sup> street.

Gary- sign pollution in City, lots of un- needed signs – take an inventory and make suggestions.  
Remove non working lighted sign- maybe replace with a big screen tv?

Micki- Bridge on 211, replace or repair. Possibly get a painted mural in town, maybe on the side of the pharmacy.  
Suggestion- Welcome packet for citizens? (We used to have one)

Debi- Bridges park tree canopy needs lifting up , trees trimmed.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Report on the progress of the tree in front of Lee and Shannons house. As far as we know, no progress. Mayor said they were on the list, when called they said they knew nothing about it.**

#### **4. AGENDA FOR JUNE MEETING**

- A. Cancel July meeting**
- B. Field trip to make a list for things needing to get done in the park/parks**
- C. Set workday for parks**

**Tim called for motion to adjourn. Motion made by Debi, Dwight seconded, unanimous, meeting closed at 7:50.**