

Smithfield City Tree Committee Board Meeting Minutes May 6, 2021

Smithfield City Office @ 7:00 P.M.

Conducting: Jeff Barnes

- 1. Minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting were read and approved.**
- 2. The tree committee judged the posters from Sun Rise and Summit Elementaries, selecting first, second, and third place for each grade. A grand champion was selected for each school. See attached lists. Envelopes for all the first place winners were taken to the three schools. The first place winners received a letter, ten dollars and a blue ribbon. Second and Third place winners received ribbons. The three grand champion winners received a ribbon and an invitation to attend Smithfield City Council Meeting on June 9, 2021. Their posters have been framed and will be presented to them.**
- 3. Health Days week is scheduled for June 1 through June 5, 2021. The committee will not be holding an arbor day tree planting with the student winners of the poster contests. Two trees will be planted the week of June 7 through 10 at central park in honor of Arbor Day and photos taken for submission to tree city USA for 2021.**
- 4. We decided to purchase only one tree to be raffled at the booth on Saturday, June 5, 2021. Requirements included 1-Smithfield Resident, 2-New Home Owner, 3-A Spot Ready for Planting. The booths run from 11 AM to 4 PM. Being so close to parade time at 10 AM we will man the booth from Noon to 4 PM. Assignments to be given at our next meeting.**
- 5. Neighborhood Housing Solutions provided Jeff with several park strip and landscape options for trees in their subdivisions. We reviewed their list mainly for park strips and feel their tree options are compatible in park strips.**
- 6. We discussed the need for an information letter which could be sent to residents who have dead or dying trees and the need to remove the trees. Will be discussed further at the June meeting.**
- 7. We reviewed the email from Mike Kuhns, Extension Agent, about our trees in the cemetery. His main concern is that our trees are not getting enough water. We need to come up with a plan to water underneath the big trees and do it often.**
- 8. Other Business. Send Tree List to Diana and find out if Smithfield has any sister cities.**
- 9. Next Meeting will be held June 3, 2021.**