

## JOHNSON TREE BOARD~AUGUST 20, 2014

Present: Sue Lovering, Dorcas Jones, Louise von Weis, Court Perry

Absent: Noel Dodge

6:30 at the Municipal Building picnic table

1. July minutes were approved.
2. Treasurer's report:  
We discussed the possibility of purchasing a pole chainsaw for pruning. Also suggested were purchase of fertilizers for blueberries and trees. Court and Sue will present receipts for reimbursement for hose fittings bought for the watering barrels.
3. Fertilizing:  
We decided to fertilize the trees planted in sidewalks in the spring, as well as the blueberry bushes at the Municipal Building.
4. ROW Tree Inventory  
The Tree Inventory will take place on Sept. 8, for the whole day. Trees in the ROW will be assessed and mapped. Training for the computer program used for the inventory will be on Wed., the 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Municipal Building at 3:00.  
Louise and Dorcas will plan to be there if possible. We'll hit up Noel when he surfaces.
5. The business end of things finished and having visited with the zoning steering committee members who were arriving for their own meeting, we repaired to the big plum tree to repair it. In fact, we transformed it from an overgrown mess to a lovely specimen of a tree. It has ripe plums, as Court can attest; he bit into one and it exploded juice all over him. This tree has apparently never had any attention. It has good shape and allover health, therefore is deserving of continued care. A truckload of branches, the great majority of which were dead, was removed. Several crisscrossing branches were separated and thinned.  
It was decided that we'll prune a tree per night for the next few meetings until the weather turns bad. Next time it will be the apple tree at the Municipal Building.
6. We adjourned after a pleasant time at 8:30.  
The next meeting will be on September 16 at the Library.

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Chair