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Dexter, MO - The Dexter Tree Board planted three new trees in downtown on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 as part of a beautification project. One was planted on Stoddard Street near The Bunny Patch, one was planted on Locust Street in front of the old mural beside K9 Biz, and the other tree was planted in the small park next to BA Promotions on Walnut Street.

The trees are Yoshino Dwarf Cherry Trees which will produce white blooms in the spring and red leaves in the fall.

"The trees were chosen because this is the type of tree that was originally seen lining Stoddard Street," commented Dexter Tree Board Member Wayne Jean. "Other trees including Crepe Myrtles and Bradford Pears now grow in the downtown as well."

Jean went on to say that there are two species of these Cherry Trees. The Yoshino, with the white bloom, and the Kwanzien has red or pink blooms.

The trees were paid for through the annual spring tree sale held in the back parking lot of Jean & Company. Jean said, "The tree board receives zero dollars from the city, but the members are appointed by the Board of Aldermen. The tree board has no income other than the tree sales."

Bolen Brothers Nursery out of Sikeston was on hand to assist with the planting.

If you would like to donate money to the Dexter Tree Board please contact any board member. They would appreciate any monies for future beautification projects.

Pictured are: Members of the Dexter Tree Board stand with the new Yoshino dwarf cherry tree on Stoddard Street. Pictured in front from left is Mark Snider, Wayne Jean, Judy Thurston, Herman Morse (back) and Alma Smith. Not pictured is board member Bennetta Harrellson.

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