

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
AUGUST 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Dale Madden at 8:36 a.m. Other board members present were Tom Welborn, Craig Walker, Daniel Steinhoff, Andrew Caylor, and Nick St. Sauveur.

Ex officio members present were Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry; Diane Warwick, State Forestry; and Tim Hester, Parks and Recreation.

Visiting today was Tracie Hellwinckel, Project Manager for Trees Knoxville, and Randall Whitehead, Stormwater Engineering.

Action Items for August

- July minutes were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Dale initiated a discussion about the Tree Board Logo. Dan suggested that the tree logo should show the roots. Kasey informed the group that the City's logo does need to be incorporated into the Board's logo because we are a City entity.
- Also discussed was Craig's new role as Education Committee Chair. Craig will get with Nick to see where he got to on the public forum's that were planned. He will also get with Anna on the Arbor Day event.
- Diane will check on a date to take a trip to the State Nursery. She suggested a day when someone would be available to give us a tour of the nursery. Will get a date by the next meeting.

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- Kasey talked about the ISA Conference itinerary.
- Patriot Lawn won the tree planting bid.
- Article II of the Tree Protection Ordinance items that need attention:
 - Housekeeping items, such as, defining private property; what a tree is; and other definitions to make the ordinance more reader friendly and easier to understand.
 - Define clearly the purpose of the ordinance.
 - Would like to see a permit system put in place to hold tree cutters hired by residents to be accountable for removal.

Education Report by Craig Walker

- Dan made signup sheets for ISA Conference participation.
- Craig will pick up education materials, and giveaways.
- Craig will get with Anna concerning Arbor Day event. Tom suggested that a tree planting location be picked out.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- 7-11-19 Tree walk at the Sevier County Senior Center sponsored by Smoky Mountain Chapter of Wild Ones. Twenty-five participants.
- 7-18-19 Meeting with Steve Ellis manager at Love Tower to remove shipping wrap on 8 recently planted dogwoods and placed tree guards on these trees. Also advised them about removal and replacement of trees on the campus.

- 7-19-19 Tree walk in North Hills for the North Hills Garden Club to demonstrate the arboretum signage and some of the tree locations in the boulevards. Twenty-four participants.
- A Volunteer Recognition Party was planned for August 21st at Bearden Beer Market.
- Planning a tree walk on August 26th at the Knoxville Botanical Gardens.
- There will be an invasive tree removal in September at the Mabry-Hazen House.
- Fulton High School is looking into establishing an arboretum at their campus.

Ex-Officio Reports:

- According to Randall, Stormwater will be partnering with the redevelopment group that is responsible for the apartment/condo development in the Davenport @ Sevier area.
- Tim reported that there will be a ribbon cutting at the end of the month for the new pavilion, and kayak/canoe launch at the east end of Suttree Park.
- Tim also informed us that the Augusta Avenue entrance to parking for the Fort Dickerson Quarry will be opened soon.
- Kasey talked a little about the diseased elm trees at Suttree Park. Will plan to go out soon to look at the situation, and consider replacements.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.