

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
APRIL 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Sam Adams at 8:35 a.m. Other board members present were David Vandergriff, Tom Welborn, Nick Bridgeman, Craig Walker, Syreeta Vaughn and Dale Madden.

Ex officio members present were Ben Nanny, Ijams Nature Center, David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering, and Tom Simpson, State Forestry Division, and Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry.

Visitors included Betsy Pickle, South Knox News, and Doug Gordon, City of Knoxville Law Department.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Action Items for April Meeting	Responsibility	Target Date
City Update	Kasey Krouse	04/02/15
Events Reports/Upcoming Events	Education Committee Chair	04/02/15
Discussion: Sunshine Law	Doug Gordon, COK Law Department	04/02/15

**Shaded items will be removed after next meeting.*

Sunshine Law Overview by Doug Gordon

Mr. Gordon gave us an overview of the Sunshine Law as it pertains to the Tree Board, and how we conduct business, giving notice of meetings, special meeting stipulations, posting of minutes, full disclosure, and other points of this law that apply to City board meetings, conduct, and officials.

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- Smartfix-40 update- The City has been working with TDOT, and Knox County Sheriff's Office crews to clean up areas along the interstate corridor. The crews have been working hard at removing underbrush, invasive plants, and litter. Kasey has requested that members let him know of any areas of concern that have caught their attention. The clearing of old landscaping, and installation of new landscaping will continue.
- Planting contract has wrapped up and will be extended for a third year with AvaLawn.
- Lakeshore Park will be installing a playground near the ball field. Urban Forestry and Construction crews relocated a forty foot Cryptomeria tree from the playground site to a location across the street. Kasey feels that this tree is in great shape and worth saving.
- Urban Forestry crews are working in parks in East Knoxville to prune and remove trees in these areas. The crew will be moving from proactive to reactive maintenance soon. There's a lot of work to still be done in park, and a second bucket truck will help with this project. The second bucket truck is on the agenda for the Mayor's budget meeting on April 29th.
- Kasey will get his intern in May, and will continue to work on the tree inventory.

Education Committee

Nick Bridgeman has volunteered to chair the Education Committee, and was appointed to this position by Sam Adams. Nick will be setting up a booth for Earth Fest and one for UT Blooms Day, and has requested volunteers. He also asked for volunteers to get with Kasey to wrap tree seedlings. Kasey added that the TN River Tour will begin next week, April 8th- April 15th. There will be seedling plantings in various locations. All volunteers are requested to be at their respective post by noon to setup. There will be a number of volunteers on had to help with the plantings.

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