

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
DECEMBER 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Tom Welborn at 8:36 a.m. Other board members present were Nick Bridgeman, Beth MacDonald, Dale Madden, Tracy Polite-Johnson, and Tracie Hellwinckel.

Ex officio members present were Tom Simpson, State Forestry; Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry; David Vandergriff, UT Ag Extension; and Ben Nanny, Ijams Nature Center; Tim Hester, Parks and Recreation; and David McGinley, City Stormwater Engineering.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
Urban Forestry Report	Kasey Krouse	12/07/17
Education Report	Nick Bridgeman	12/07/17
Trees Knoxville Report	Tom Welborn	12/07/17

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- Jackson Avenue trees have been installed, and Cumberland will be installed soon.
- The tree contractor will begin installing City trees this week.
- Henley Street Project is underway to improve the appearance, and address safety issues.
- RECODE Knoxville Project is going well. There will be landscaping components, a merge of the Tree Protection Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance included in this plan.
- Kasey has asked for a steering committee from the Tree Board to work with him on updating the Master Tree Planting Plan.
- Kasey discussed what it means to be a Bee City USA, and asked the Board if they would like to take on the project. After some discussion, the general consensus was to wait on the Office of Sustainability to complete a certification plan, and possibly present it to the Board at a future meeting. The following are some of the components to being a Bee City USA:
 - Having designated areas for pollination.
 - A proper pesticide application plan in place.
 - A steering committee that meets once a year.

Education Committee Report by Nick Bridgeman

- The Arbor Day Program went well. Smoky Bear was a big hit. Sequoyah Elementary was a great host, and put on an exceptional program.
- Nick would like to try to get the press to come out next year.
- There will be an Education Committee meeting for January.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- Kasey has been added back to the Trees Knoxville board of directors.
- \$6,386 was received from the Three Rivers Project.
- Trees Knoxville will begin working on updating/creating a list of trees that will include a combination of champion, historic, and interesting trees.
- More than thirty volunteers showed up to plant trees at the Beaumont Academy. KDF Landscape and Cortese Tree Specialist came out with equipment and man power. Patterson Sign Company and Tree Rivers provided the funding for the trees.

- Four additional species of trees were donated to Westwood to assist in their efforts to obtain Arboretum status.
- Elms were replaced at Mooreland Heights.
- Their second annual tree giveaway was held on December 2nd at the Knoxville Botanical Gardens.
- The next school planting will be at Fulton High School on December 16th.
- Will be working with the TN Environmental Council on their 250K Tree Day event @ Beardsley Farm on February 24, 2018.

Other Business

- Kasey will reach out to the three new members that have been added to the Board.
- Dale Madden will replace Sam Adams as Chair, and Tom Wellborn will stay on as Co-Chair.
- Diane Warwick will replace Tom Simpson as the State Forestry ex-officio member.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.