

MINUTES  
JUNE 5, 2014  
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD

The meeting was called to order by David Vandergriff at 8:35 a.m. Board members present were Kim Davis, Patrick Beasley, Dale Madden, Beth MacDonald, Liz Hannah, Craig Walker, and Sam Adams.

Ex officio members present were Kasey Krouse, City Urban Forester, David McGinley, City Stormwater Engineering, Anne Wallace, Policy & Redevelopment, and Tom Simpson, State Forestry Division.

Visiting with the Tree Board was Tom Welborn, Douglas Godbee, Maxmillian Spieldman, and Garrett Gregg.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Action Items for June Meeting	Responsibility	Target Date
Create new updated tree document that fits into the current Urban Forestry Program.	Kasey Krouse	TBD
Community educational meetings: Topics of discussion, brochures, facilitators, etc.	Kasey Krouse	Done

*\* Shaded items will be removed after the next meeting*

City Update: Kasey Krouse reported that the new Trees on Public Property Ordinance passed.

Kasey introduced the new Urban Forestry Intern, Garrett Gregg. He is a University of Tennessee student that will be working full time taking inventory of the trees around the City.

Kasey gave a presentation on the Tree Canopy Assessment that he, Tom Simpson, and Maxmillian Spieldman have been working on for several months. He discussed the importance of tree canopy, and the many ways in which it benefits a city or township. He also discussed patterns and trends in reference to changes in the canopy, and the percentage of canopy cover broken down by neighborhoods in the City of Knoxville. Other data used in this assessment included green space, tree canopy and impervious surfaces throughout the city. This data could be very useful in determining potential tree planting sites, updating our urban Forestry Management Plan, updating and creating ordinances, to mention a few. Kasey will make this presentation available to community group meetings.

Education: Beth MacDonald and Anne Wallace collaborated on a brochure that list the top ten places to see trees in Knoxville.

There was also an open discussion on places in which the Tree Board could set up and hand out educational materials, and talk with the public about trees and the Board. Various farmers' markets were discussed. The group agreed to come back next month with a list of available markets in which to focus this outreach program, and a list of types of materials needed.

Before adjournment, the group agreed to reschedule the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting for July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.