

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
OCTOBER 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Tom Welborn at 8:35 a.m. Other board members present were Beth MacDonald, Dale Madden, Anna Toon and Nick Bridgeman.

Ex officio members present were David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering, Tom Simpson, State Forestry, Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry, David Vandergriff, UT Ag Extension, and Tim Hester, Parks and Recreation.

Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
Urban Forestry Report	Kasey Krouse	10/12/17
Education Report	Nick Bridgeman	10/12/17
Trees Knoxville Report	Tom Welborn	10/12/17

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- TUFC conference went very well. There was a good deal of information exchanged between various organizations. Kasey would like to have Paul Ries speak at a future retreat.
- All trees have been ordered for this year's planting which should begin in November.
- Volunteer Forester program has wrapped up. There was good attendance, and planning will begin for the next one.
- EAB update: Kasey has requested funding for contract services funds to remove trees affected by this pest.
- Kasey visited Nashville to discuss the EAB problem that is affecting that city as well.

Education Committee Report by Dale Madden

- All information has been given to the school, and posters will be turned in for judging in the next two weeks. Beth will get the poster prizes.
- The program will begin at 1:15 instead of 1:30. All Board members are asked to be there at 1:00.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- Tom reported that Bearden and Fulton would like to obtain Arboretum status.
- School plantings are going really well. Tom mentioned several schools that will receive new plantings, and will be replacing some plantings that have died with Lacebark Elm.
- Trees Knoxville will be meeting with the Homeowners Association to discuss the needed EAB treatment for the trees in Sequoyah Elementary area.
- The group is utilizing funds received through the Three Rivers Program, and they has also recently received a grant through the Ossoli Circle.
- Tom has recently spoken with a couple of neighborhoods concerning removal of trees, and best replacements.
- Tom gave a presentation at Green Drinks in Knoxville, and signed up fifteen more tree planting volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.