

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

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

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

Special guest from the UT Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries included Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe, Brielyn Rogers, and Nicholas Herron. Also visiting with us was Diane Warwick from the TN State Forestry Division.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
Urban Forestry Report	Kasey Krouse	09/07/17
Education Report	Nick Bridgeman	09/07/17
Trees Knoxville Report	Tom Welborn	09/07/17

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- The fall Volunteer Forestry Program will begin on September 18, 2017, and will run for 4 weeks on Mondays from 6 until 9 p.m. New speakers have been added.
- Nursery visits to McMinnville has begun. Will get between 500 to 600 trees. Huge shortage on 3” to 4” caliper trees, but there’s still some good stock on smaller trees.
- We’ve once again been awarded the TAEP grant for next planting season.
- Urban Forestry is continuing its pro-active tree pruning in the downtown area.
- Kasey wants to begin working on a new Tree Planting Master Plan now that the Urban Tree Canopy Assessment is complete.
- Round two of trees have been planted in the Missouri Gravel Bed. There are about 100 bare root trees growing in the beds, and Kasey is now taking suggestions for locations to plant.
- We’ve had a very wet year, so there has not been a need to water as much.
- Work orders are now running about 3 months behind.

Education Committee Report by Nick Bridgeman

- The Arbor Day Program at Sequoyah Elementary is scheduled for November 3, 2017 at 1:30 pm. Grades 1st thru 5th will be attending the program. Students in the 4th and 5th grades will be participating in the poster contest. There will also be a tree planting.
- Smoky Bear will be on hand!

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- Tom reported that the plantings at Silver Leaf are doing great.
- Tom talked about treating the trees at Sequoyah Elementary for EAB. There will also be 10 additional trees planted in areas where there are no trees.
- Funding is continuing to roll in for the Canopies for Campuses program.
- The Knoxville Botanical Garden & Arboretum hold their annual Fall Festival on October 23rd from 1 pm until 5 pm.
- A tree giveaway scheduled for December 2nd at the KBGA.
- There will be a meeting with the Old N. Knox- Fourth & Gill community about planting trees.
- Tom and Kenneth will return to Westwood House to verify tree species and possibly recommend more plantings.

Other Business

- Sam reported that the trees planted at Mooreland Heights last year have died. He suggested getting in contact with the school to schedule a replanting.
- Tom will look into a recent issue concerning some insurance companies telling homeowners to cut down trees. He will report his findings to us at the next meeting.
- Tom Simpson announced an Arbor Day Tree giveaway at Gatlinburg on November 17th. The giveaway will consist of 1,000 trees in 3 gallon containers.
- TUFC has over \$7,500 allocated for the Relief Gatlinburg program. This event will take place sometime in 2018. Tom will keep us informed.
- The October Tree Board meeting has been moved from October 5th to October 12th due to the TUFC Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.