

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
JUNE 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Tom Welborn at 8:35 a.m. Other board members present were Craig Walker, Beth MacDonald, Kenneth Townsend, Tracie Hellwinckel, and Anna Toon.

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

Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
Urban Forestry Report	Kasey Krouse	06/01/17
Education Report	Nick Bridgeman	06/01/17
Trees Knoxville Report	Tom Welborn	06/01/17

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- There were more than 50 downed trees over the Memorial Day weekend. The storm was relatively significant, and fallen trees were widespread throughout the city. Urban Forestry crews worked from Saturday night through Sunday evening. The impact of storms like this also create more work orders due to damaged trees.
- The Volunteer Forestry Program has wrapped up. There were 24 graduates. Another class will be scheduled for this fall.
- Kasey will be apply for the upcoming TAEP grant again this year. Funds will be dedicated to street tree planting in neighborhoods, and other needed areas in the city. Work will continue in the Lonsdale, Parkridge, and Oakwood-Lincoln Park communities. The Fourth & Gill community will also be a focus for planting this year. Kasey asked the Board for new planting location suggestions, and to look at areas that need replanting due to loss.
- A new Urban Forestry intern will start next week.
- Recode Knoxville kicked off this past month. The purpose of this project will be to update our current zoning ordinance to a new 21st century code that's easier to use and easier to administer. You can visit their website at www.recodeknoxville.com, where you can participate in a survey, find out when public meetings be held, and find out more about this project.

Education Committee Report by Nick Bridgeman

- In Nick's absence, Tom Welborn reported on the WaterFest event. It was busy, but was fun and exciting. There were quite a few children who participated in the activity that the Board sponsored.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- Tom had previously reported that the group has received tax exempt status. They are now looking into establishing an account with a local bank.
- Jim Cortese is working on the Tree Recognition Program, and he should have his list updated by August.
- Trees Knoxville will be applying for the TAEP grant this year. They have applied for the Three River's Roundup grant, and the Dow Grant. Both grants have the potential to add several thousand dollars in money and resources to promote tree planting.
- There was a large turnout for the Christenberry tree planting. Fourteen trees were planted by children and other volunteers, which included community leaders, and the assistance of several local businesses.
- They will set up a booth at the Stormwater River Runoff 5K Race, which will be held at the UT Gardens.

Other Business

- Kasey reminded the Board that the TUFC conference will be here in Knoxville on October 6th at the UT Conference Center. They will have a section dedicated to tree board members, and is encouraging as many members as can, to attend. There will be a flat fee for this event.
- Kasey also commended Tom and Trees Knoxville on the excellent work they are doing here in Knoxville.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.