

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
DECEMBER 1, 2016

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

Ex officio members present were Ben Nanny, Ijams Nature Center, David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering, and Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry.

Minutes from the October and November meeting were approved with one correction.

Future Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
Urban Forestry Report	Kasey Krouse/ Sam Adams	01/5/17
Education Report	Nick Bridgeman	12/1/16
Trees Knoxville Report	Tom Welborn	12/1/16
Tree Board Elections	Sam Adams/ Tree Board	12/1/16

City Update/Committee Report by Kasey Krouse

- Kasey will be reducing the number of trees to plant due to the lack of rain. He will still buy those that he has already committed to purchase.
- The first planting of the year will be this Saturday at the Silver Leaf Subdivision. These trees were grown in our Missouri Gravel Bed.
- Still waiting to hear from the Mayor concerning the new member appointments.
- Ijams will not be available on January 5, 2017, so the meeting will be held at the new Public Works Facility on Morris Avenue.
- Work orders are slowing down due to the planting schedule. The Urban Forestry crew has shifted their attention from reactive pruning to proactive pruning, along with the help of the Horticulture crews.
- Suttree Park is now open.

Education Committee Report by Nick Bridgeman

- Nick thanked Dale for the donated trees, and Beth and everyone else for their hard work and support in making the Arbor Day program a successful event.
- A meeting for the committee to review the website changes will take place at the Public Works Facility on December 15, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
- Earthfest and other spring events for the Board will be discussed at the January meeting.
- Nick reported that KUB will be a month or so behind with their tree replacement and landscape projects due to the drought.
- KUB is currently involved with systems upgrades through their Century II project, which is a proactive long-range program to improve and maintain the electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater systems for KUB customers. KUB is currently upgrading the infrastructure by replacing poles, switching out breakers, replacing lines, and various other grades.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- Tom talked a little more about the upcoming planting project at Silver Leaf. He has many UT students signed up. He's anticipating more volunteers.
- Trees Knoxville will be giving away about 500 trees this month at the Knoxville Botanical Garden on December 10th from 9 a.m. until noon. Many people have shown interest in receiving these trees via Trees Knoxville website.
- The group will have a planning meeting later this month to discuss future endeavors for 2017.

Election of Officers: Sam Adams

- The floor was opened for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Sam Adams was nominated for Chair and Tom Welborn was nominated as Vice Chair. The Board voted unanimously in favor of both.
- Sam decided to withhold committee nominations until the January meeting.

Other Business

- Tracie Hellwinckel reported on the efforts of the Knoxville Permaculture Guild, a group that is devoted to implementing professional permaculture landscapes in needy areas. She spoke of their work with SEED, a non-profit green community development, using an experimental technique for soil preparation. Other scheduled work will include a project at Marble City Community Garden.
- Tom Welborn announced that the North Hills Community will have a holiday home tour on December 10th. The community fire hall and the Methodist Church on Washington Pike will be open as well.
- Nick Bridgeman informed us that the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council will be holding their annual conference in Knoxville this fall. Nick is serving on the planning committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.