

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
OCTOBER 6, 2016

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

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

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- Urban Forestry crews are still watering due to lack of rain, and may water through October.
- They're also doing train prunes regularly. Lots of trees were loss due to bacterial leaf scorch.
- B & B Lawn Services Inc. will probably begin planting in December.
- As to date, there have been 521 request for service. This is a 25% increase in large pruning projects and/or removals over last year. Emerald Ash removals make up an increase number of these removals, but drought, bacterial leaf scorch, and other problems are leading to removals. Kasey will be monitoring/observing the overall impact of the EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) problem in our city, and will address this issue in his State of the Urban Forest Report. This issue will be addressed in future meetings.
- Trees inside the Missouri Gravel bed are still doing well.

Education Committee by Nick Bridgeman

- Arbor Day will be held on November 4th at Mooreland Heights Elementary School. Poster information, including the entry deadline, has been sent out. The Board reviewed the proposed program.
- The website review has been put on hold until after Arbor Day.
- Board member Dale Madden of Earthadelic will donate two trees to be planted at the school. Nick Bridgeman and Dale will inspect the planting site.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- The group will be speaking in support of the Parking Lot Ordinance proposal. City Council is having the first read on the Parking Lot Ordinance at the October 11th City Council meeting.
- Tree give away is scheduled for November 19th at the Knoxville Botanical Garden.
- The installation of 62 trees, from the Missouri Gravel Bed, at the Silver Leaf Subdivision will be held on December 3rd. Tom is requesting that Board members, and other tree planting experts volunteer to lead teams with the installation of these trees.

New Business

- Sam Adams mentioned that terms for both David Vandergriff and Patrick Beasley will expire at the end of the year. Sam and Kasey have requested the names of people that members would like to have replace them, so this information can be submitted to the Mayor. David will also be rotating off as Vice Chair as well, so this position will also need to be filled.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.