

MINUTES  
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD  
AUGUST 4, 2016

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

Ex officio members present were Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry, Tom Simpson, State Forestry, Liz Albertson, Metropolitan Planning Commission, and David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering.

Visiting with the Tree Board this month was Chris Ray, Ijams Nature Center, and Nick St. Sauveur with Cortese Tree Service.

Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
City Update	Kasey Krouse	08/04/16
Education Committee Report	Nick Bridgeman	08/04/16
MPC Parking Lot Ordinance	Kasey Krouse	08/04/16

**City Update/Committee Report** by Kasey Krouse

- Suttree Park project will take a bit longer to wrap up, but is still progressing.
- Nursery visits have wrapped up, and selections have been made.
- B & B Landscaping won the tree planting contract.
- The recent storms caused a lot of damage mostly in North and North East Knoxville. Worst storm damage in the past four years. Quite a few healthy trees were uprooted or knocked down. A lot of straight line winds came through causing most of the damage. Cleanup efforts are still ongoing at this time.
- Knoxville was awarded a TAEP grant for this year.

**Committee Reports**

**Education Committee:** Arbor Day will be held on November 4, 2016. Moreland Heights Elementary School will host the event. Posters will be judged by Board members on November 3, 2016.

**Policy Committee:** No report. A meeting will be held this month to discuss both the MPC Parking Lot, and the Zoning Ordinances. A report will be given at the September meeting.

**Trees Knoxville Report** by Tom Welborn

- Trees Knoxville is now going out into the community to share information about trees using palm cards. Future plans are to now go to various neighborhood meetings to explain what Trees Knoxville is, and also to share information about the Knoxville Tree Board.
- The group has applied for an Arbor Day grant, and hopes to be able to give trees away in the fall.
- Permission has been given to reproduce posters that give information about trees.

### **Other Business**

Tom Simpson reported on the increase in the Gypsy Moth population, and the damage they have caused. The State Forestry Division has been tracking this pest for over twenty years, and keeping it out of Tennessee. There were eight moths trapped last year in Sevier County, but they were all transient population that were brought in on campers. However, this year there have been thirty three moths trapped in Unicoi, Washington, Johnson, and Sullivan Counties. This could turn into a very serious problem for Tennessee, especially since the progression has been southward for quite a while. Tom will report as more information becomes available.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.