

MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2014
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD

The meeting was called to order by David Vandergriff at 8:40 a.m. Board members present were Kim Davis, Sam Adams, Dale Madden, and Brian Campbell.

Ex officio members present were Ben Nanny, Ijams Nature Center, Liz Albertson, Metropolitan Planning Commission, and Kasey Krouse, Urban Forester.

Visiting with the Tree Board was Tom Welborn, Boone Hillenbrand, Stormwater Engineering. Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Action Items for August Meeting	Responsibility	Target Date
City Update	Kasey Krouse	
Update on Urban Forestry Plan	Liz Albertson	09/04/14
Revisions to By-laws vote	David Vandergriff	09/04/14

City Update: Kasey informed us that the 2014 Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program (TAEP) grant application for 350 trees has been submitted. If approved, this will add forty thousand dollars to the existing thirty thousand dollar tree planting budget. Locations selected for tree plantings were based on the results of the tree canopy assessment that Urban Forestry has been working on. The focus is on increasing canopy coverage in low canopy areas throughout the city. The remainder of the budget will be devoted to installing trees in requested locations.

The Urban and Community Forestry grant application has been submitted, and we are awaiting approval. If we receive the matching grant, this could double the funds on hand to include the purchase of items such as biltmore sticks, soil compaction probe, and other items that will pull in interest from the community and provide them with some hands-on interaction.

Kasey, David Vandergriff, and Tom Simpson inspected and measured a large tree at the Marine Center on Alcoa Highway. They confirmed that we are now home to a State Champion Hawthorne Bean Tree.

Demolition at Lakeshore Park has begun, and Kasey's working closely with the contractors to try to preserve as many trees as possible.

Kasey will begin nursery visits at the end of August to pick out trees for the upcoming planting season. He met with Allison Teeters of Keep Knoxville Beautiful to suggest some possible sites around the city for beautification mobs to install landscaping.

Urban Forestry Plan: Liz Albertson gave an update. After several months of meetings, and working through several documents and our previous plan, we now have a smaller document ready for the tree board members to review.

By-Laws: David Vandergriff discussed various aspects of the by-laws that need to be updated to better match the language used in the new ordinance. He asked the members to look over the proposed changes, give input, and be ready to vote on the changes at the September meeting.

Unfinished Business: Selection of a Logo Design Team. Kasey Krouse, Brian Campbell, and Dale Madden volunteered to bring proposed logo designs to the September meeting, and we will review, and make a selection.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.