

**NASHVILLE TREE BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022**

Tree Board Members present in person: President Mark Shields, Vice-President Amy Spalding, and Member Diana Wright. Tree Board Members Present via Zoom: Secretary Member Zachary McMillion (left at 9:03 am). Tree Board Member Absent: Member Cathy Paradise. Also present in person: Administration Manager Phyllis Carr and Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

**BUSINESS**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Member Shields at 8:30 am.

**2) ROLL CALL**

Member Shields conducted roll call.

**3) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Member Shields volunteered to chair. Member Wright moved to have Member Shields serve as President. Member Spalding seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

Member Spalding volunteered to be Vice-President. Member Wright moved to have Member Spalding serve as Vice-President. Member McMillion seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

Member McMillion volunteered to be Secretary. Vice-President Spalding moved to have Member McMillion serve as Secretary. Member Wright seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

**4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10-21-2021 MEETING**

Member Wright moved to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting as presented. Vice-President Spalding seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

**5) 2022 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

The Board agreed with Administration Manager Carr's suggestion to celebrate Arbor Day in Nashville on April 29, 2022. The proclamation will be presented at the February Town Council meeting.

Administration Manager Carr asked the Tree Board to decide on a tree and where it will be planted.

Vice-President Spalding suggested to replace the Ash tree at Town Hall. Administration Manager Carr will check to see if the Town Council wants it replaced.

Tree Board added an additional Tree Board meeting on March 17, 2022 at 8:30 am to discuss Arbor Day Tree planting event.

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### **6) FOLLOW-UP/DECISION ON TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS BY HOTEL NASHVILLE AND OLDE BARTLEY HOUSE**

Hotel Nashville owners are willing to take down trees due to storm damage. Vice-President Spalding noted there are other trees on the property marked with "X." President Shields advised that it is the Hotel's decision to remove the trees if they are not in the Town's right of way. Administration Manager Carr asked if Tree Board President Bruce Gould could look to see if the trees are in or out of the Town's right of way.

Member Wright moved to have Mr. Gould check if the trees are in the right of way. If they are, the Tree Board will decide what to do with the trees. If the trees are on the owner's side, then the owner will decide what to do with the trees. Secretary McMillion seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

Administration Manager Carr reported that the owners of the Old Bartley House want to remove silver maple tree on the north side of W. Franklin Street as the tree is buckling the sidewalk. Administration Manager Carr advised that the Town could remove the tree, but the property owner will replace the sidewalk. President Shields asked if the Town has the funds to remove the tree and if the tree should be replaced. Discussion. Vice-President Spalding was asked if she could find a better tree with a smaller root system. Administration Manager Carr noted there will be horse carriage parking in the area. President Shields asked if they could remove tree, stump, and plant a tree by the Bartley House. Discussion.

Administration Manager Carr also advised that the train wants a tree planted for shade at their loading/unloading location on the northside of E. Franklin, but this would be up to the property owner.

Administration Manager Carr reported that the Town also needs to remove the silver maple tree at S. Jefferson and Old Hickory (Antique Alley). Additionally, they need to remove one of two ash trees at Town Hall.

Vice-President Spalding moved to remove the two Silver Maples and 1 Ash tree at above locations. Member Wright seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

### **7) SCHEDULE MEETING WITH TOWN PARK COMMISSION**

Administration Manager Carr advised that the Town Park Commission has \$2,500 left over from the Duke grant they received several years ago.

Member Paradise wants to meet with Town Park to discuss using the funds for signage of native plantings in the Town's parks and maybe other areas of town. Member Wright advised that there is not enough room for signage at library. President Shields reported that he had previously looked into interpretive signage.

Administration Manager Carr advised that the Town Park hasn't made their plans for the park yet. President Shields, who also serves on the Town Park Board, will speak with them and set up a meeting date.

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**8) DISCUSS 2022 PROJECT INTERESTS**

Administration Manager Carr suggested signage as a possible project.

Vice-President Spalding commented that they need to evaluate hazard trees ahead of time. Maybe

contract out? President Shields agreed. Vice-President Spalding mentioned the 2011 Davey Study.

Administration Manager Carr suggested they review the tree inventory list and see what trees are still in inventory. Vice-President Spalding suggested dividing the town in four quadrants to assess.

President Shields advised that the Board will continue the Davey Study inventory discussion during the next Tree Board Meeting.

**9) DISCUSS 2022 TREE REPLANTING PLAN & REMOVALS**

The Board discussed removing the three trees and stumps. Replanting will be determined.

Administration Manager Carr will get quote for the removals. She stated the need to have money left over for future tree needs.

**10) ADOPT 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**


The proposed 2022 meeting dates are: March 17, April 21, July 21, Oct 20.


Member Wright moved to approve the 2022 Nashville Tree Board Meeting Schedule. Vice-President Spalding seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

**11) ADJOURNMENT**

Member Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-President Spalding seconded the motion. President Shields adjourned the meeting at 9:27 am.

*The audio recording made at the Tree Board meeting on 1-20-2022 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.*

  
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Tree Board President ~~Mark Shields~~  
vice Amy Spalding

  
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