

**NASHVILLE TREE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022**

Tree Board Members present in person: President Mark Shields, Member Diana Wright, and Member Cathy Paradise. Tree Board Members present via Zoom: Vice-President Amy Spalding and Secretary Zachary McMillion. 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 President Shields at 8:34 am.

2) ROLL CALL

Vice-President Shields conducted roll call.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 1-20-2022 MEETING MINUTES

No minutes received. January minutes will be approved during April meeting.

4) PLAN APRIL 29, 2022 ARBOR DAY EVENT

President Shields asked about where the dead Ash is located at Town Hall. Administration Manager Carr advised that and is located on the north side of Town Hall. She also mentioned getting approval to have the tree removed and the board should have backup planting location due to the tree cutters schedule. President Shields asked the board for other planting possibilities. Vice-President Spalding mentioned Fearin’s Ice Cream and Yogurt Depot. Species such as a Yellow Buckeye or Magnolia which are smaller trees and less intrusive to sidewalks and foundations. Vice-President Spalding asked President Shields if he had checked the availability of certain trees, this may determine what we can plant as opposed to what is available. President Shields reported that he spoke to Rick Patrick about options. Due to fuel prices, Mr. Patrick suggested instead of Woody Warehouse, to use Eco Logic in Bloomington and see what potted trees are available. Vice-President Spalding said she believes Eco Logic shut down their nursery operation. President Shields advised that he will contact other local nurseries and asked if this is something that will need an account to purchase. Administration Manager Carr said she need a W-9 for credit application for purchase of tree.

Member Wright motioned to have planting of a new tree at Town Hall contingent on Treedom removing Ash tree and stump or plant a tree by Fearin’s Ice Cream on Franklin Street, contingent upon owner approval. Member Paradise seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call vote.

5) FOLLOW-UP ON TREE REMOVAL REQUEST BY HOTEL NASHVILLE

Administration Manager Carr advised that she has not heard any more on this and that she will reach out to Dave Rudd for an update.

President Shields asked if an answer was found on if the trees were outside of the Town right-of-way. Vice-President Spalding said that she is under the impression that a majority of the trees are outside of the town right-of-way. Administration Manager Carr will contact past Tree Board President Bruce Gould to check.

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President Shields said he believes there were a couple trees that were removed. Vice-President Spalding asked if the Hotel was concerned about trees that are not damaged but possible could be. President Shields said that if a couple of them were to fall, this could cause damage to parked vehicles and utility box. He reiterated that any tree outside of the town right-of-way is technically the hotel's tree and up to them on if they are removed. Vice-President Spalding mentioned the Box Elder at Jefferson and Mound Street had visible decay and should be removed. President Shields said the Board will wait to hear back from Mr. Gould on what trees are in the town's right-of-way.

6) DISCUSS TREE ASSESSMENT FROM DAVEY INVENTORY

Vice-President Spalding said the Tree Inventory she has is dated 2010 and notes for 2011. President Shields asked if the town has a history of periodic inventories. Administration Manager Carr stated that this inventory is the only one she knows of. President Shields asked the Board if any has heard of what duration is recommended between inventories and guessed it to be 10 years. He said this would be ideal if the budget allows. He also asked what the town budget is for the tree board. Administration Manager Carr stated the tree removal takes up most of the budget, at \$8,000 for five trees, and the remaining is used for the Arbor Day tree purchase.

Member Paradise asked if any grants are available for this. Administration Manager Carr had not heard of anything. President Shields will look into grant options.

President Shields asked Vice-President Spalding the Davey Inventory specifics. Vice-President Spalding would like the Tree Board to refresh the current inventory. The copy she has was last updated in 2014. Approximately 338 trees surveyed throughout the town of Nashville. 50 trees were labeled "critical condition" and recommended action, mostly for removal. She also noted that several other trees were noted for removal. She stated that she believes some have been removed, but looking through the list, she is seeing multiple trees that we are talking about at our meetings on the list needing action such as Silver Maples on Jefferson Street and the Black Locust on Jefferson Street. She stated that going through sections of the town and re-inventory and confirm that the trees are still there, not there, immediate concerns and create a plan for a certified arborist come in for an assessment for future removals.

President Shields agreed and noted this will be based on what the budget will allow and reassess priorities.

Vice-President Spalding will forward inventory to the rest of the board. President Shields suggested adding this to the next meeting agenda, divided town into quadrants for each volunteer to look at these trees. Member Paradise agreed with each member taking a portion of the inventory. Vice-President Spalding said she will look at what trees are on each street in order to evenly spread the workload.

Administration Manager Carr noted the newly annexed areas are Orchard Hill, Old 46 to Centerstone Building, Coffey Hill and Tuck-A-Way, McGee, Highland, Eads are not in the inventory. She asked if the Town takes over trees not planted by the Town.

7) DISCUSS 2022 PROJECT INTERESTS

President Shields suggested looking for prospective grant opportunities for future needs. He also suggested looking at the Arbor Day alternate location as a future Arbor Day site.

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Administration Manager Carr will check with Town Council on their thoughts for future Tree Board projects. She will inform of Town Council suggestions during the April Tree Board meeting.

President Shields asked if everyone can attend the Arbor Day Event on April 29th, 2022. He suggested a late morning or early afternoon time. Administration Manager Carr who will contact the school. Member Paradise contacted the school last year and said the Jr. High usually sends a class over, possibly the science class. Member Wright will contact Brian Garman at school. Board will work tree planting around School and student's availability.

President Shields will contact Brown County Democrat to come on-site for photo-op with students and write letter to the editor about the event.

8) SCHEDULE MEETING WITH TOWN PARK COMMISSION

Administration Manager Carr will talk to Park Commission about a joint meeting in April to discuss remaining \$2500 Duke grand funds for plants and signage.

President Shields asked if the Duke grant was specifically for the Lincoln Pinch signage. Administration Manager Carr will update when she receives information on how and where the board can use the grant funds.

President Shields will set up meeting with Town Parks Commission.

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

No other business was mentioned.

10) ADJOURNMENT

Member Paradise motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Secretary McMillion seconded the motion.

President Shields adjourned the meeting at 9:32 am.

The audio recording made at the Tree Board meeting on 3-17-2022 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.

Amy Spalding
Tree Board Member *W Amy Spalding*

7/21/22
Date