

**NASHVILLE TREE BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022**

Tree Board Members present in person: President Mark Shields, Vice-President Amy Spalding, Secretary Zachary McMillion, and Member Cathy Paradise. Tree Board Member Absent: Member Diana Wright. 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 8:32 am.

**2) ROLL CALL**

President Shields conducted roll call.

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3-17-2022**

President Shields tabled the approval of minutes until the July Tree Board Meeting.

**4) PLAN APRIL 29, 2022 ARBOR DAY EVENT**

President Shields talked with Rick Patrick who advised that he found a “horse chestnut.” Mr. Patrick purchased the tree and is keeping at his house until the Arbor Day planting and will help with planting.

President Shields confirmed on April 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. they will plant the tree for the Arbor Day event. President Shields stated that he is meeting Mr. Patrick at 9:30 am at Ferrin’s Ice Cream to dig the hole. President Shields asked if the owners of Ferrin’s Ice Cream will be in attendance at the planting. Administration Manager Carr reported that she spoke with the owners, and they will be in attendance. Administration Manager Carr advised that the owner expressed concern of the tree roots top rooting growing into the building but is okay with the planting. President Shields noted that Mr. Patrick mentioned that tree’s are “slim picking” right now and the purchased tree is smaller at around three feet tall. President Shields asked for the cost of the tree. Administration Manager Carr reported the tree was purchased for \$57.99.

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

Administration Manager Carr advised that she emailed former Tree Board President Bruce Gould for his opinion as far as the right-of-way, and she will let the property manger of Hotel Nashville know of those findings. President Shields stated that he would like Mr. Gould to look at and give his opinion on the Box Elder.

Vice-President Spalding reported that she stopped at the address on Orchard Hill Road and spoke with the resident. Vice-President Spalding explained that the tree is right next to the road, possibly a Black Oak, and has two dead limbs over the read. The tree does not look to pose and issue and should be a low priority. She asked where the Town Maintenance ended. Administration Manager Carr advised that Mr. Gould looked at the tree and it is on private property. Administration Manager Carr noted that the Records Office can answer easement questions. Records Clerk Jones pulled up GIS for the Board to look at property lines. Vice-President Spalding asked if we have authority with the new annexation. Administration Manager Carr replied she does not think it is the Town’s responsibility to maintain trees. Vice-President Spalding asked if there is a Board or someone that can clarify this issue. Administration Manager Carr suggested contacting the Recorders, the Surveyor, or Tom with GIS offices.

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### **6) DISCUSS TREE ASSESSMENT FROM DAVEY INVENTORY**

President Shields refreshed the ideas of dividing up the town into quadrants. Vice-President Spalding passed out the 2015 Recommended Removal, divided by streets. She divided the recommended removal trees into immediate and critical categories (more of a hazard). She also asked which category should be focused on first, critical or immediate. President Shields suggested the critical may be worth looking at first, noting many may have been removed. President Shields asked for ideas on how to move forward. Member Cathy Paradise suggested to eliminate the trees that are no longer here.

Vice-President Spalding addressed the variety of species on the back page of the Recommended Removal. She noted the invasive species, and these should be considered for removal. She stated her concern on the amount of Callery Pear. These are not illegal yet but will be on the list soon.

President Shields asked the Board to develop a game plan at the next meeting once we have an idea on what trees have been removed.

### **7) DISCUSS 2022 PROJECT INTERESTS**

President Shields suggested their primary project should be updating the 2015 recommended removal inventory.

President Shields asked Administration Manager Carr for what the Town is wanting. Administration Manager Carr advised that the Council is happy with removing dead trees and re-planting.

President Shields asked about the budget. Administration Manager Carr explained she bases on past budget of \$10,000. President Shields asked for an example cost of removing an Ash tree. Administration Manager Carr reported it totaled \$8,000 for removal and stump grinding of four trees. President Shields mentioned the focus should be on removal before buying trees.

President Shields asked if there is an approval process for removing trees on private property. Administration Manager Carr advised there is not an approval process for tree removal on on private property.

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

President Shields stated the meeting is scheduled with the Town Park Commission later today is to discuss the remaining \$2,500 Duke Grant. This can be used for signage or plantings. President Shields asked if the Board decided that signage is priority.

President Shields asked who is available for the meeting. Member Paradise said yes. Vice President Spalding said no. Secretary McMillion said maybe. President Shields said yes. President Shields asked if the Board decided on interpretive signage. He advised that he will contact Eagle Manufacturing about the cost of tree plaques.

### **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. Vice-President seconded the motion.

President Shields adjourned the meeting at 9:33 am.

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*The audio recording made at the Tree Board meeting on 4-21-2022 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.*

Amy Spalding  
Tree Board Member VP Amy Spalding

7/21/22  
Date