

**NASHVILLE TREE BOARD
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023**

Tree Board Members present: President Mark Shields, Vice-President Amy Spalding, Secretary Diana Wright, Member Elliot Burnette. Tree Board Member absent: Katie Starr. Also present: Town Manager Sandie Jones and Administration Manager Phyllis Carr.

BUSINESS:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by President Shields.

2. ROLL CALL

President Shields conducted roll call.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 9-21-2023

Vice-President Spalding made a motion to approve the 9-21-2023 minutes as presented. Secretary Wright seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

4. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE GRANTS:

- A. LSR Grant**-worth \$30,000. Michelle Cohen goes before Town Council tonight and will be asking for \$3,000 from the Town, or "in-kind" volunteers. The Lake Monroe Water Fund will receive the funds and the Town is a sub-awardee. The grant will be awarded in February 2024; receive funds in the fall of 2024.

- B. Community Awareness**-Guest column in **Brown County Democrat**. Contact Abbie Gressley
 - 1. Write letter explaining who the Tree Board is and what we do.
 - 2. What the issues are: Invasive Tree Removal and Replanting
 - 3. Explanation of the project-volunteer opportunities; possible signage

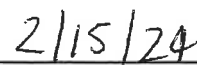
- C. Duke Energy Foundation Grant**-Town Manager Sandie Jones
 - 1. Title of grant proposal: Town of Nashville Invasive Tree Removal
 - 2. Priority of grant: To combat invasives in the Town of Nashville, educate and conduct outreach to the community and businesses.
 - 3. Request \$50,000 but will drop to \$25,000 if necessary. Vice-President Spalding will send list of invasive trees to Town Manager for grant.

5. Adjournment:

Next meeting will be December 14, 2023. President Shields made motion to adjourn. Member Burnette seconded it. All were unanimously in favor. President Shields adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.



Tree Board Member



Date