

NASHVILLE TREE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 21, 2024

BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Shields at 8:32 a.m.

2) ROLL CALL

President Shields conducted roll call. Vice-President Spalding is absent.

3) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Secretary Wright nominated Mark Shields for President. Member Starr seconded it. All were unanimously in favor.

Member Starr nominated Amy Spalding for Vice-President. Member Burnette seconded it. All were unanimously in favor.

Member Burnette nominated Diana Wright for secretary. Member Starr seconded it. All were unanimously in favor.

4) APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 15, 2024, MINUTES

Member Starr made a motion to approve the minutes. Secretary Wright seconded it. All were unanimously in favor.

5) UPDATE ON LANDSCAPE SCALE RESTORATION GRANT

Member Starr's grant passed first stage. May be in second place now. May learn in April or September, our status.

Michelle Cohen suggested that the Town of Nashville come up with a resolution to not plant known invasive trees and landscaping. Town Manager Sandie Jones asked the Tree Board to come up with this resolution. President Shields and Member Starr will write the resolution and send to Town Manager Jones.

6) UPDATE ON DUKE GRANT

Town Manager Jones printed out the Duke Energy Grant that was submitted. We're not sure when we'll learn of the grant acceptance or amount.

7) UPDATE ON BROWN COUNTY SOIL & WATER MINI GRANTS

Member Starr said that Soil & Water is willing to help fund the removal, planting, and maintenance through a mini-grant. The grants are reviewed once a month. Business owners can apply for this grant to be used for removal and to plant a non-invasive species. Grants need to be specific to soil and water. One application per person/ per commission/ per town/ and county.

Member Starr said there's a better chance of approval if specific locations are targeted. The 80/20 match can use volunteer time @ \$20 per hour. Town Manager Jones resent the Bluestone bid.

8) OTHER BUSINESS

Our next meeting is April 11. There was discussion of what kind of tree and where we should meet on Arbor Day, April 26, 2024. Member Burnette will check on prices/ availability of either Yellowwood or Service Berry trees and work with Administration Manager Carr. President Shields made a motion to spend up to \$200. Member Starr seconded it. All were unanimously in favor.

9) ADJOURNMENT

Member Starr made a motion to adjourn. Secretary Wright seconded it. All were unanimously in favor. President Shields adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Our next meeting is April 11, 2024.

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