

**NASHVILLE TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2021**

Tree Board Members present – Member Zachary McMillion, Member Cathy Paradise, Member Mark Shields, and Member Amy Spalding. Also in attendance – Administration Manager Phyllis Carr, Tree Board Applicant Diana Wright and Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Member Paradise at 8:32 am.

2. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Tree Board members introduced themselves to the board.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Member Shields made a motion to elect Member Paradise as President. Member Spalding seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Member Paradise made a motion to elect Member Shields as Vice-President. Member Spalding seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

Member Spalding volunteered to serve as Secretary. Vice-President Shields seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1-30-2020 MEETING

Vice-President Shields made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1-30-2020 meeting as presented. Secretary Spaulding seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

5. DISCUSSION OF 2021 PROJECT INTERESTS

Administration Manager Carr is working on getting two large trees removed. One of the trees is located by Ferrin's Ice Cream & Yogurt Depot and the other is on South Jefferson by the Austin Insurance Building. The removal was originally planned for 2020 but was unable to be completed due to COVID.

President Paradise advised that we did not qualify for a renewal of our Tree City status last year due to COVID restricting many of our normal activities. We need to do more this year to regain our status.

Secretary Spalding reported that the Nashville Tree Survey that was completed in 2010. There have been some updates to the information, but it would be a good idea to figure out a way to reassess a portion of the survey area each year in a continuous inventory so that we can be more aware of changes and issues within the urban forest.

President Paradise advised that there is a dead tree in Lincoln Pinch park that needs to be removed and possibly replaced. The native landscaping beds also did not receive any weeding

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maintenance and did not look good. Administration Manager Carr is going to put in a work order to get the dead tree removed. She is going to bring up the native flower beds to the Town Council.

President Paradise also noted that there should still be money left in the grant for signage as the signs were not installed last year. Vice-President Shields thought that there was \$2,500 left in the Duke Grant. President Paradise would like to see better maintained and more flower beds in that area.

6. 2021 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

The board agreed to complete their Arbor Day tree planting on Arbor Day, April 30, 2021. Several locations were considered for the Arbor Day planting site. The board decided to reach out to the county to see if we could plant the arbor day tree at the EMS building to honor the hard work and dedication of our emergency service workers, especially this past year.

7. 2021 TREE REMOVAL DISCUSSION

Vice-President Shields talked about a Bradford Pear on Van Buren Street near the Heritage Mall. The tree had been marked with flagging and was curious if it was being removed. Administration Manager Carr discussed that there is a tree in that area that is being planned for removal.

Vice-President Shields offered to go out and take a look around town to see if there are any other trees that we should consider for removal this year.

8. 2021 TREE REPLANTING PLAN

This item is being tabled until next meeting as we can better assess tree planting needs.

9. ADOPT MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021

The board approved the meeting schedule for the year.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Shields made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Spaulding seconded the motion. President Paradise adjourned the meeting at 9:09 am.

The audio recording made at the Tree Board meeting on 1-21-2021 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.

Cathy Paradise by P. Carr via
President Cathy Paradise *remote access*

4-15-21
Date