NASHVILLE TREE BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021

Tree Board Members Present in person: President Cathy Paradise, Vice-President Mark Shields, Secretary Amy Spalding. Tree Board Members Present via Zoom: Member Diana Wright. Tree Board Member absent: Member 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 Paradise at 8:30 am.

2) ROLL CALL

President Paradise conducted the roll call.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 4-15-2021 MEETING

Vice-President Shields made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting as presented. Member Wright seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

4) TREE REMOVAL UPDATE

Administration Manager Carr updated the board on the removal of the Bradford Pear tree on South Van Buren Street in front of Ferrin's Ice Cream along with a tree along the side of the shop. There is also a dead silver maple in front of the old Bartley House and a dead silver maple in front of in Michael's Flowers that need to be removed. There is an additional silver maple by Michael's Flowers that had some dead limbs that need to be removed. There have been some dead limbs dropping from one of the trees and it is an emergency removal. Administration Manager Carr has gotten estimates for the removal and is going to present it to the Town Council and hopefully move forward on removing them. There have been 3 trees removed so far this year, with 2 more planned along with the pruning. These sites may be good locations for future plantings.

Vice-President remarked on another silver maple that needed to be removed in the Antique Alley area. The tree had an "X" on it. Administration Manager Carr is going to investigate and see what is going on with it. The tree may be in the town's right-of-way or could be removed by a utility company.

5) TREE PLANTING LIST

The Arbor Day tree planting at the EMS building was a success. The Brown County Commissioners, local EMT's, and some students from the intermediate school attended the ceremony.

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The sidewalk in front of Ferrin's ice cream has buckled from tree roots and there was some damage to the building from the root system of the tree to the side of the building. These trees were both removed. They would like to have something planted at the sites that would provide shade to customers. The Board discussed possibly planting a smaller stature tree at the site and investigating alternatives that would be more sidewalk friendly.

President Paradise remarked that given the number of removals completed and planned for this year, we should hold off on new plantings until next year. She suggested that they should carefully consider what trees to plant and where to plant and not plant trees just to plant trees.

6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Vice-President Shields inquired about the honeysuckle bush in one of the flower beds at Lincoln Pinch Park. Member Wright has been assisting with maintaining the flower beds. The honeysuckle bush has been removed.

7) ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Spalding made a motion to adjourn. Vice-president Shields seconded the motion. The motion passed. President Paradise adjourned the meeting at 9:01 am.

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President Cathy Paradise Date