

**NASHVILLE TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 17, 2019, 8:30 A.M.**

Tree Board Members in present – President, Bruce Gould, Rick Patrick, Mark Shields, and Cathy Paradise. Tree Board Member not present – Allison Shoaf. Also in attendance: Administration Manager Phyllis Carr and Utility Manager Sean Cassiday.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Gould at 8:30 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 10-18-18 MEETING**

Member Paradise made a motion to accept the minutes as written and there was a second to the motion by Member Shields. The motion passed.

**3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019**

Member Shields made the motion that Member Gould should remain President and Member Paradise seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Member Shields made the motion for Member Shoaf to remain the Vice President and Member Paradise seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Member Patrick made a motion for Member Paradise to be the Secretary and Member Shields made the second. This motion passed.

**4. MEETINGS RULES OF ORDER**

Member Paradise brought up the fact that we need to better follow the Roberts Rules of Order. Due to some discussion about a not so popular decision, we need to be more transparent and vote on matters especially where money is in the decisions.

Member Paradise also advised that for now the signs her committee has been working on have been put on hold for the time being. Due to the new Town Council, the smaller flower gardens and the new park commission, we put it on hold. We want to know what the future plans might hold so the placement of the signs might fit better if we wait.

**5. 2018 TREE PLANTING**

For 2018, four trees were planted and six trees were held back. All are marked to be planted along Hawthorne Drive for the trees that had to be taken out for the road work.

**6. TREE REMOVAL**

• **BRADFORD PEAR TREE REMOVALS**

Twelve Bradford Pear trees have already been removed and they plan to take out more this year. The Board hopes to get all of them except two that can't be removed due to owners not wanting

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them to be removed. Rick Patrick made the point that the tree and stump need to come out so a tree can be planted in that space. He was assured that was what was happening.

- **GRANTS AVAILABLE**

The Board will check with Member Shoaf to see if the Brown County Soil & Water Conservation District still has money to remove invasive plants. In our discussion of invasive plants, the burning bushes by the public parking and new park again came up, and how if the park uses the parking lot for the park, could they come out. Phyllis told us there is a covenant on the parking lot that a buffer must remain. Could other non-invasive plants serve that covenant?

### **7. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES**

Member Paradise discussed hosting a presentation by Dan Shaver on Invasive Plants. We know we have low attendance to most presentations. How about including schools in education programs?

### **8. ARBOR DAY/EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES, DATE**

The Board discussed Arbor Day and agreed to hold Arbor Day activities on Friday, April 26, 2019 and this will be the Arbor Day Proclamation Date. Member Paradise asked if we could just make a decision and plant a tree that day. If we wait then we don't make plans, such as last year and we have no one in attendance. Administration Manager Carr advised that the Tree City application has been submitted but has not received approval of the application at this time.

The final decision was to take one of the Hackberry trees that were to be planted along Hawthorne Drive and plant it at the new park in the place where the Yellowwood died. The Board will invite Headstart to have children present.

### **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

President Gould reminded us of our visitors last summer; Carol Dunn from Scottsburg and another lady came to our Tree Board Meeting. It appears they are getting off to a great start! They are having a Tree Steward program February 7 & 8 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The board adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes attested to be correct.

  
President Bruce Gould

4-18-19  
Date