

NASHVILLE TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2018

The Nashville Tree Board met at the Nashville Town Hall on January 18, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. In attendance were: Bruce Gould, Rick Patrick, Allison Shoaf, Cathy Paradise, Mark Shields, Administration Manager Phyllis Carr and Town Manager Scott Rudd,.

Rick made a motion to approve the minutes from the October, 19, 2017 meeting, second by Mark, all in favor.

Tree Board applications had been received from three non-board members and one of those three needed to be recommended to the Town Council for appointment. The three were Allison Shoaf who has been attending the board meetings for the past year as a defacto member, Andy Norman and Amy Sweet. The board decided to recommend to the Town Council that Allison Shoaf be appointed.

Election of Officers: Cathy Paradise made a motion to reappoint Bruce Gould as Chairman, seconded by Mark Shields, all voted in favor. Allison Shoaf was nominated and elected as Vice-Chairman.

Vice-Chairman Shoaf discussed a grant available through the Soil and Water Conservation District to remove invasives. She advised that Bradford pear trees are considered invasive and that since the town is in the process of removing the Bradford pear trees that the town would be eligible for up to a \$500 grant to assist in removals. The Tree Board will survey the Bradford tree population in town and determine how many trees we will remove this year and their locations and then proceed with the grant application.

Once the weather improves Chairman Gould will begin planning tree removals for this year, which will consist almost completely of Bradford pear trees. The cost of their removal is considerably cheaper than trees such as silver maples due to their smaller size.

Chairman Gould advised that ten new trees had been planted in late fall. The trees were picked up at Woody Warehouse. Three of the trees were planted where three Bradford pear trees had been removed on Van Buren Street, one tree replaced a dead tree at the Christian Church annex building, and the rest of the trees were planted at the new town park site on Johnson Street. The new trees were chestnut, elm, yellowwood, locust, and hackberry. A large number of red maples have been planted in the recent years so we are looking for more diversity. The Board decided to plant even larger trees in the future.

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Discussed the stump grinding issues in the past and how to develop a better process to make sure stumps are removed to create planting sites.

The new trees to be planted in 2018 will go where the Bradford pears were removed and any other sites available, even in areas such as Parkview and Artist Drive. There are almost no planting sites remaining in downtown Nashville.

A dead tree on private property at the former French Connection shop at 175 South Jefferson Street was discussed and Administration Manager Carr will send the property owner a letter asking that the tree be removed.

Arbor Day this year will be celebrated on Sunday, April 22, 2018. Chairman Gould will locate a tree planting location for an Arbor Day tree.

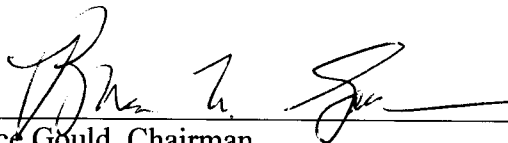
The Tree City USA applications for last year and this year have been approved so Nashville remains a Tree City.

As part of the Duke Energy \$7500 grant received by Nashville, \$2500 will go toward educational signage to be located at the new town park. Member Paradise will spearhead that project. The remaining \$5000 will go toward planting native flowers, also at the new town park. Member Paradise is on the board of Keep Brown County Beautiful and she will discuss their potential participation in this project at their next board meeting.

The board discussed its functions and how it is operating. Town Manager Rudd read off the focal point items the board had considered priorities in its 3-year plan and the board had made substantial progress on most points.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Minutes attested to be correct.



Bruce Gould, Chairman

4/19/18

Date