

NASHVILLE TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2017

The Nashville Tree Board met on January 19, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Nashville Town Hall. In attendance were Bruce Gould, Rick Patrick, Cathy Paradise, Allison Shoaf, and Administration Manager Phyllis Carr.

Stump removal: Rick had prepared a list of stumps needing removed and submitted it at the October meeting. Administration Manager Carr said she had talked to Stinson's about it twice and will contact them again.

Rick had prepared a sample form that companies interested in performing tree work for the town could submit that would be easier for the applicants to complete and would not make the applicants feel like they were overcommitting as far as pricing for jobs. Administration Manager Carr will have the town attorney comment on the proposed form.

Allison had attended an Urban Forestry Conference in November and reported back on grant opportunities and the need to incorporate youth into programs. It was discussed that perhaps youth could best be attracted to the "Keep Brown County Beautiful" initiative and the Tree Board could work with KBCB on some common projects. Bruce may attend the next KBCB meeting to discuss projects.

Rick Patrick reported that he and several other arborists pruned and mulched 45 trees late last fall.

Bruce reported that 11 trees had been planted last year, ten of them this past fall. Bruce asked board members to look around town, including residential areas, for potential planting sites this year. The town is running out of places to plant trees and there are few trees remaining on town property that need removed, except Bradford pears. Most of the trees in poor condition that need removed are on private property. We discussed sending letters to property owners with dangerous trees. The plan is to try to not remove any more mature town trees until newly planted trees gain more size.

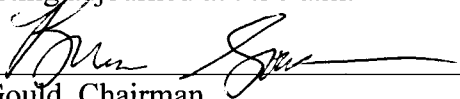
We discussed planning to remove two Bradford pear trees a year until they are all gone, which could take quite a few years. There are about 30 Bradford pear trees in town. The trees will need to be cut down, stumps ground out, and roots dug out so that a new tree can be planted immediately. Rick and Bruce will compile a list of the most urgent removals.

We discussed planting a bicentennial tree at the Village Green, perhaps on Arbor Day (April 21) or Earth Day (April 22).

John and Cathy will continue working with the History Center for a natural history display.

Allison discussed the "Great American Cleanup" scheduled nationally for Earth Day. Interested persons should go to the Village Green at 10 a.m. and will be assigned to various cleanup projects.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.



Bruce Gould, Chairman

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Date