

Terrebonne Parish Tree Board
TPCG Government Towers 6th Floor Conference Room
Main Street, Houma, La

Minutes of Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Present were Laura Browning, Sandy Ostheimer, Trudy V Hebert, Linda Brashier, Monica Harris, S. Myers MacAllister, Corey Messina, Barton Jonfrion-Parish Representative Linda Henderson, David Luke

Absent: Diane Theriot

1. Meeting was called to order by Laura Browning, Chair at 11:35 AM
2. Invocation presented by Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair
3. Minutes of August 2016 presented and approved **Motion to approve** by Barton Jonfrion and second by Linda Brashier, motion passed.
4. Officer Reports of

Parish Advisor, in lieu of Parish Advisor, Laura Browning, Chair, presented his report.

- Financial budget for Tree board has been cut by 18% due to parish-wide cuts.
- NO Blvd Oak Tree Flooding problem, drains have been cleared and water is still standing. Anne Picou has put pine mulch or straw around all but the one tree still standing in water. A vacuum truck has visited the site several times to pump and drain the water. Because of DOTD, project further action is on hold until the DOTD contract has been completed. The Terrebonne Garden Club- Linda Brashier is doing additional research on the trees.
- Removal of damaged Water Oak at Dumas Auditorium: A large branch broke and tree was examined to reveal that it was hollowed due to rotting and the tree was cut down for safety and it no longer being an asset to the community.

Financial Report -balance showing \$44,732.00.

Publications Report by Trudy V. Hebert. Tree Stories 29 of 30 completed by committee members and in near completion for approval for pdf creation to present for website. Sample tree brochure circulated for viewing.

Hospitality Report by Sandy Ostheimer with Thank You notes have been sent to Cannata's and Walmart on Westside Blvd for plantings and preservation of our regional and native trees that not only enhance their developments, but also the community as a whole. New Committee

Chair Report- Bids are being sought for Civic Center Blvd, extraction and plantings, project being delayed due to too much rain.

5. Old Business

2016 Proposed Budget for projects to include:

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| i. | Hwy 311 Planting and Maintenance and repairs | \$ 3,000 |
| ii. | Civic Center Median Plantings | \$15,000. |
| iii. | Hwy 182 Live Oak Pruning and Treatment NTE | \$10,000. |
| iv. | Tree Tourist Brochure | <u>\$ 5,000.</u> |
| | Subtotal | \$33000. |

2017 Proposed Budget for projects to include:

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| v. | Rec District 11-Tree Planting and Maintenance Master Plan for Airbase park | \$10, 000. |
| vi. | Prospect Blvd and E. Tunnel Blvd. Median Plantings NTE | <u>\$16000.</u> |
| | Subtotal | \$26000. |

Grand Total

\$59000.

6. New Business

Presentation of Dumas Auditorium project for discussion and consideration; Tree plantings to be considered for future tree board project. Discussion to continue to next meeting.

7. Announcements:

Barton Jonfrion announced for gardeners that a St. Augustine sod worm has been identified in the parish area, affecting the health of St. Augustine grass.

8. Motion to adjourn.

Submitted by

Trudy V Hebert
Secretary