

Terrebonne Parish Tree Board Minutes for November 2016

Tuesday, November 14, 2016 11:30am
TPCG Government Tower 6th Floor Conference Room
8026 Main Street Houma LA 70360



1. Call to order by Laura Browning, Chair at 11:34 am
 - a. Member present: Laura Browning, Sandy Ostheimer, Diane Theriot, Corey Messina, Barton Joffrion, Linda Brashear, and Myers McAlister.
 - b. Parish representatives present were Chris Pulaski, Linda Henderson and David Luke
 - c. Not present: Monica Harris
 - d. Quorum met
2. Invocation Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair
3. Approval of Minutes Tuesday, September 20, 2016 motion to accept by Sandy Ostheimer and Second by Diane Theriot, all in favor motion passed. No minutes for Tuesday, October 18, 2016, informational meeting only, no quorum
4. Reports of Officers, Projects, and Committees
 - Parish Adviser -Chris Pulaski
 - A. Hwy 311, planting done, watering continuing due to drought in area.
 - B. Recreation District 11, review of commitment to collaborate on new Master Plan for City Park, focus on Tree Master Plan.
 - Financial Report –presented by Chair
 - A. October and Novembers report remain unchanged as no funds were disbursed.
 - B. Parish allocation is \$20000.00 and Carryover from 2015 is 34732.00 total funds available. \$44,732.00. Proposed Projects budgeted 2016 -\$33,000.00 and 2017-\$26, 000.00
 - Publications Report- Trudy V Hebert, Publications Chair
 - A. Provided board with copy of Mandalay Trail Booklet instead of and/or for Notable Trees project all agreed on the booklet format.
 - B. 10 of 30 stories ready for pdfs to send to Chris Pulaski for TP Website.
 - C. Brochure sample provided less bar codes
 - D. Agreement to send 5 stories every other week for next 6 weeks.
 - Chair's Report – Laura Browning
 - a. Chair attended and presented Notable Trees presentation to the Terrebonne Parish Garden Club, as she was invited by Linda Brashear to speak of Publications project in progress.
 - b. Garden Club can provide board with nominations for the *Tremendous Tree Awards* as per their monthly awards via the application on the website.
5. Old Business
 - A. -Civic Center Blvd proposals – Opened and reviewed three estimates provided by Cedotal's Landscaping LLC, Ganier's Southdown Gardens and Starkes Garden Center. Motion to discuss by Trudy Hebert, Second by Corey Messina all agreed, discussion opened. Motion to

select Cedotal's Landscaping for the Civic Center Blvd project with the contract reflecting the deletion of the line on removal of existing trees and hydroseeding, by Sandy Ostheimer and 2nd by Diane Theriot. Motion carried.

-Dumas Auditorium Project– Chair, Laura discussion with Arlanda Williams Councilperson and to contact Duplantis Design Group on possible design for project. Goal of the project enhance the façade of the building through the use of trees.

-Arbor Day- Sandy Ostheimer to chair. Press Release to be ready for January promotion. Parish Council Proclamation draft in Chris Pulaski's hands.

6. New Business

-North Campus request -David Luke presented that New government Building in Gray, plans for landscaping the building. The parish would need about 9 trees 3 white Crepe Myrtles, 3 Purple Crepe Myrtles and 3 others like Japanese Magnolia or Sweet Olives or Little Gem Magnolias. Motion made to provide the nine trees with costs not to exceed \$1000 by Myers McAlister and second by Sandy Ostheimer. Motion was carried.

-Legion Park School request – Myers McAlister and Sandy Ostheimer to research more information on project.

-Nominating Committee –Volunteers, Linda Brashear to Chair with Barton Joffrion and Myers McAlister.

7. Announcements

Next meeting Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 11:30am

Submitted by,

Trudy V. Hebert, Secretary