



Terrebonne Parish Tree Board
TPCG Government Tower 6th Floor Conference Room
8026 Main Street, Houma, LA 70360
Minutes of December 18, 2018

Present: Trudy Hebert, Mike Niette; Linda Brashier; Sandy Ostheimer, Monica Harris, Chris Pulaski, Planning and Zoning Director; Linda Henderson, Parish Liaison; David Luke, Superintendent of Roads, Bridges, and Vegetation **Quorum met**
Absent: Diane Theriot, Melissa Hutchinson, Barton Joffrion, Myers MacAllister

Meeting called to order by Trudy at 11:35

* Invocation

* Minutes presented

Motion to accept the minutes of November meeting made by Monica Harris and seconded by Mike Niette. Motion carried with no objection.

* Finance Report: Trudy reported carryover balance of \$14,797.00. No funds spent.

OLD BUSINESS

* E. Tunnel Blvd. Project update: Received email from DOTD with questions needing clarifications regarding project by Chris Pulaski.

* T.P.C.G. Parking Lot Planters Project update: Starke's chosen. Mike Niette will get letter to Starke's for purchase of new plants.

* Courthouse Trees Assessment Project update: Received quote from John Benton of Bayou Tree Service. Discussed his recommendations; for removal of major dead, structurally weak or declining limbs; and inspection of trees for structural soundness. (Benton's est. cost \$7800.00) Discussion held. Decision to get a quotes from Foret's and other tree specialist or arborist for comparison for completion of a first phase.

Motion made to set aside \$8,000.00 for removal of deadwood, structurally weak or declining limbs, and inspection of trees for structural soundness. Motion made by Mike Niette, seconded by Linda Brashier. Motion carried with no objection.

* Nomination for 1st quarter "Tree Mendous" Award Project: DDC for Courthouse Oak Trees. Discussion held for Tree Board to partner with DDC with a campaign to "Save the Courthouse Trees." Opportunity to raise awareness and money to preserve trees and provide new ground cover to protect tree roots from compaction during festivals by all present board members.

* Elections Committee: January election of chair, vice-chair, secretary seeking volunteers

NEW BUSINESS

* Arbor Day: Celebration Jan. 26 with Apache Corp.'s donation of potted trees (delivered from Jenkins Nursery either 1/24 or 1/25) for tree giveaway held at Main Branch of Terrebonne Parish Public Library at 9 A.M.

- Need library's approval for delivery, set up, and use of parking lot and covered walkway.

- Need to contact LaTerre Master Gardeners to assist with delivery, set up, and Arbor Day.

* T.P.Tree Board 2019 schedule of meetings: Motion made by Monica to approve new schedule, Mike seconded. Motion carried w/no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Sandy Ostheimer announced she would resign from the tree board in February. Linda Henderson suggested Travis Lavigne may be interested in a to tree board, she will contact him and let him know of the future vacancy.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Mike Niette and seconded by Monica Harris. Motion carried with no objection.

Submitted by

Sandy Wright Ostheimer