



Terrebonne Parish Tree Board
TPCG Government Tower 6th Floor Conference Room
8026 Main Street, Houma, LA 70360
Minutes of February 19, 2019

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

Meeting was called to order by Trudy Hebert, Chair at 11:34 AM.

Invocation said by all members.

Minutes presented and

- **Motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting** was made by Myers McAllister and seconded by Mike Niette. The motion carried without objection.

Old Business

- **Finance Report: Trudy Hebert** reported that the Board has a carryover balance of **\$14,134.09**. Funds spent were used to purchase the seedlings for the Arbor Day Tree Give-Away.
- **Arbor Day Tree Give-Away** – Sandy Ostheimer reported that the tree give-away was not as crowded this year. Fifty-eight households from Terrebonne Parish received trees. The Board will review the date for next year to find the best date. Eight master gardeners helped set up on Friday, and nine master gardeners helped on the day of the event.
- **Trudy Hebert, Chair**, recognized Sandy Ostheimer on behalf of Terrebonne Parish and the Tree Board for her years of service to the Terrebonne Parish Tree Board. February 19 is Sandy's last meeting.

Projects Updates

- **East Tunnel Blvd Project update by Hebert, Chair**, reported on the progress. Members are still waiting to hear from the DOTD.
- **TP Parking Lot pots Project, Mike Niette** reported Starke's cannot get the firebush or the sparkleberry. **Mike Niette made a motion**, and Diane Theriot seconded, that the Board change to the "Little John" Bottlebrush for all three pots. All agreed and motion passed. Mike will schedule the date and notify the Board members.
- **Courthouse Oak Trees Project, Trudy Hebert** reported that the Courthouse Oak Trees project is underway, seeking arborists to provide bids for tree trimming etc. Trudy Hebert requested from Anne Picou that a Board member meet with the Downtown Development Corporation to speak about the project. Linda Henderson will try to arrange a meeting for Trudy Hebert and Ann Picou.
- **Tremendous Tree Award Project, Myers McAllister**, reported that the Tremendous Tree Award will be presented to Raising Cane's on Wednesday, February 20, at 6:00 PM at the Parish Council Meeting. Matt Voisin, manager, will accept the award.

New Business

- **Leslie Jones** is a Parish Grant Writer who may be of some assistance to the Board for future grants and projects. Leslie will be invited to the next meeting to introduce her to the Board members.

Announcements

- Art Under the Oaks is Friday, March 22 at 6:00 PM at Saint Matthew's Episcopal Parish Hall.
- Board members are reminded to update their Ethics certificates.
- Trudy Hebert will miss the next meeting due to surgery.
- There is one Board vacancy to fill.
- Next meeting will be on Tuesday, **March 19, at 11:30 AM** on the 6th floor of Government Tower.
- **Motion to adjourn** was made by Melissa Hutchinson and seconded by Diane Theriot. Motion carried with no objection.

Submitted by
S. Myers McAllister, Secretary