

Tree Board Minutes for June 15, 2021 meeting at Waterlife Museum, 7910 Park Ave.

Officers: Jason Serrano, chair; Diane Theriot, vice-chair, Monica Harris, secretary; Members: Barton Joffrion, Pat Gordon, Mike Niette and new member Wayne Simoneaux. Parish advisors: Linda Henderson, Clay Naquin, and Chris Pulaski.

Meeting was called to order at 11:35. Jason Serrano, Monica Harris, Mike Niette, Pat Gordon and Wayne Simoneaux were present. Diane Theriot and Barton Joffrion were absent. Parish representatives Chris Pulaski was present. QUORUM MET. Guest Denise Nubani was present.

Motion to accept May minutes was made by Pat Gordon and 2nd by Wayne Simoneaux.

Financial report No changes

OLD BUSINESS

Courthouse Oaks— Only two quotes were received on time. Pat Gordon made a motion that if a third bid comes in soon the chair is authorized to accept the lowest bid with a stipulation that work be completed in 90 days. Mike Niette 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dularge overpass—We are still waiting for a response from DOTD.

Tree Donation project -- Monica will make list of types of native trees that are acceptable for board consideration. All donated trees will be subject to board approval.

Sybil Guidry's Tree—Jason will look at plaques, perhaps something similar to one at the MacDonell Children's Home.

Maintenance for Tunnel Blvd—Clay's crew cut the grass. We will get a quote from Garnier to remove grass and lay out a mulch bed to avoid damage to plantings.

Ethics and Diversity training—Members need to complete Ethics training. We are waiting for a DVD of diversity training for us to watch after a meeting.

Tree City USA—The packet that comes with the award is still missing.

Tree City Award and Sybil Guidry Tree—Jason will write press releases.

2020 Annual Report—Jason will work with Chris and other parish employees to work on the report.

Board member Photos—Board members will send a head shot to Jason or photos will be taken at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Wayne Simoneaux, a new member was introduced to the board.

Fruit tree grant—St Francis Gardens received a grant to plant fruit trees on public property. We can apply to plant fruit trees in different spaces to be maintained by St. Francis volunteers.

Facebook page—Jason will post the new logo on the Terrebonne Parish Tree Board facebook page within the next two weeks.

Apache Grant—Chris announced that Apache has sent an invitation to apply for a grant. We are hopeful we will be able to have an Arbor Day tree give-away again next year. Leslie Jones will help Jason apply for the grant and Chris will work on Council approval.

Tree Board membership by-laws—by-laws require members to attend meetings regularly. Jason will talk with members about excessive absences.

Next meeting will be July 20, 2021 at 11:30 at the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum.

The meeting adjourned at 12:23.

Monica Harris, secretary