

Tree Board Minutes Dec. 20, 2023

Officers: Pat Gordon, chair, Monica Harris, vice chair and secretary (via Zoom.), members Barton Joffrion, Wayne Simoneaux, new members Linda Brashier and Debra Ellender, and parish advisors: Clay Naquin, and Chris Pulaski were present. New member Jordan Lirette was absent. Meeting was called to order at 11:30 at the Terrebonne Folklife Museum. Connie Bourg was present as a guest. Quorum MET.

Minutes from the last meeting, January 2023 were not read.

Financial Report—no change from the last meeting

NEW BUSINESS

2024 TREE GIVE-AWAY The 19th Apache Arbor Day Tree give-away will be Feb 3 at the Main Library. Barton will contact the master gardeners to help set up on Friday afternoon and work on Saturday at 8. 200 container trees and 1500 Seedlings will be distributed. Parish residents will be allowed two container trees. It was decided by unanimous vote that we will request 20 of each of the following container trees: Pond cypress, nuttall oak, parsley hawthorn, cherry laurel, buttonbush, swamp chestnut oak, sweetbay magnolia, water tupelo, live oak , sweet pecan and red maple.

We will also request 300 of each of the following bare root trees: bald cypress, beautyberry, red maple, live oak and willow oak.

MOSS PARK Planting request (Scott Lane) will be postponed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS Pat Gordon was re-elected chair, Linda Brashier was elected vice chair and Jordan Lirette was elected secretary. All decisions were unanimous.

TREE CITY application will be submitted.

TREMEMENDOUS TREE AWARDS will resume with the award to go to GIS in East Houma. Chris has the signs.

NOTABLE TREE TOUR Linda asked that additional brochures be printed before the LA Convention of Garden Clubs Convention is in Houma in 2026. Chris and BJ will check that the trees are still there in good condition and the brochure may need to be revised since Ida.

CYBIL'S TREE in Shady Oaks Park still needs a marker. We also should discuss markers for the trees in Jim Bowie Park

NEW SCHEDULE—we will meet on 3rd Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. at 7836 Park Street .

NEXT MEETING will be Jan 17 at 7836 Park St.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:31.

Monica Harris, Secretary.