

Tree Board Minutes January 17, 2024

Officers: Pat Gordon, chair, Linda Brashier, vice chair and members Barton Joffrion, Wayne Simoneaux, Monica Harris and Debra Ellender, and parish advisors: Clay Naquin, BJ Schmill and Chris Pulaski were present. Jordan Lirette was absent. Meeting was called to order at 11:30 at the TPCG Planning and Zoning Office at 7836 Park Ave. Connie Bourg was present as a guest. Quorum MET.

Minutes from the last meeting, January 2023 were accepted.

Financial Report—no change from the last meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Monica requested that the Tree Board prayer be reinstated. Pat made a motion and Barton 2nd. The motion was passed unanimously.

2024 TREE GIVE-AWAY Chris announced that we will get one-gallon trees from the Tree Farm at Nichols State under the auspices of BTNEP instead of purchasing them out of the area. We will receive:

104 Nuttall oaks,

64 pecan,

45 Yellow Poplar

75 persimmon

20 red mulberry

20 American beautyberry shrubs

We will have a total of 328 but there may be extra beautyberry and mulberries. They will also provide fertilizer tablets.

We have not decided if we will pick them up or have them delivered. Because the Hercules parade will be assembling in the parking lot we may leave them in a parish box truck until set-up on Saturday morning.

We need to find out if the trees will be labeled and if not they will need to be labeled in the truck. Connie will make the labels.

Monica will make posters for the four new types of trees and Pat will have three copies of each laminated.

The bare root trees will be the same as ordered.

Chris will bring 2 tables, some chairs, the tree planting guides and signs and he will donate and bring masking tape, flagging tape, pens etc. Wayne will bring 5 gallon buckets for the bare root trees

Debra will bring a coffee pot and supplies and Connie will bring a leaf blower, broom and clean up supplies.

Master gardeners will be asked to come Friday afternoon to label trees and set up the areas. Larger trees will be separated from the smaller trees. Barton will speak with the Master gardeners Saturday morning to familiarize them with the new trees they may not be familiar with.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30

NEXT MEETING will be February 21 at 7836 Park St.

Monica Harris