



Terrebonne Parish Tree Board
TPCG Government Tower 6th Floor Conference Room
8026 Main Street, Houma, LA 70360
Minutes of April 18, 2017

Present: Trudy Hebert, Chair; Myers McAllister, Secretary; Chris Pulaski, Parish Advisor; Linda Henderson, Parish Liaison; Linda Brashier; Barton Joffrion; Monica Harris; Diane Theriot; David Luke. Quorum met
Absent: Sandy Ostheimer

- Meeting was called to order by Trudy Hebert, Chair at 11:35 AM.
- **Invocation** by Monica Harris, board member
- **Motion was made by Barton Joffrion** to accept the minutes from the March meeting with corrections. The motion was seconded by Monica Harris, and the motion carried without objection.
- **Finance Report:** Hebert reported that the Board has a current carry over and balance of \$37,387. She reminded members that all of the current funds are allocated to ongoing projects.
- **Publications Report:** Hebert, Chair reported that the web designers for the Terrebonne Parish website are working on the website which will include a slide show. The Google Maps function is completed. The Google Earth tour link is almost completed. The Facebook link will wait until the website is live and active. The Chair also presented bids for printing the brochure – Bayou Printing at \$2,120.00; Bazet Printing at \$3,481.65; and Star Printing at \$3,863.00. A motion to go with Bayou Printing pending confirmation for the scope of work was made by Myers McAllister, Secretary, and seconded by Diane Theriot. The motion carried with no objection.
- **Projects Report:**
- David Luke presented three bids for the **New Orleans Boulevard Project**. After discussion, a motion was made by Linda Brashier and seconded by Monica Harris to go with Foret but only to do the tree pruning at this time. The cost for the project is expected to be \$9,050.00.
- Linda Henderson reported for Sandy Ostheimer that the **Civic Center screen planting** is expecting bids to be submitted by April 26. The Board is expected to vote to approve the plans at the May meeting.
- Christopher Pulaski reported on the **Dumas Auditorium project**. He presented the plans completed by Duplantis Design Group. The members discussed the choice of plants and suggested that the encore azaleas be replaced by dwarf nandina and the boxwoods be replaced by dwarf yaupon. A motion was made to accept the plans and move forward if the changes in plant choices is confirmed. Myers McAllister, Secretary, made the motion which was seconded by Diane Theriot and carried with no objection. Christopher Pulaski will send the changes to Chad Danos of DDG and get bids on the plants for the project.
- **Awards Report:** Linda Brashier and Trudy Hebert, Chair, attended the Parish Council meeting on April 12, 2017 along with The Rev. Craig Dalferes, Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and Myers McAllister, Head of School at St. Matthew's Episcopal School as the Council recognized the Tree-mendous Tree Award presented to St. Matthew's. Barton Joffrion offered a second sign to be placed on the property.
- **New Business**
 - New member Melissa Hutchinson will be voted on by the Parish Council at the April 19 meeting. Board members are invited to show support.
 - Barton Joffrion will contact Bob Thibodeaux about the memorial tree to be planted at Pope Park.
 - Tree School sponsored by Friends of Jefferson is April 25. Members are encouraged to register, attend, and carpool.
 - Trudy Hebert, Chair, requested that someone from the Board serve as Treasurer and give a monthly budget report. Monica Harris volunteered and was nominated by Trudy Hebert. Diane Theriot volunteered to assist.

Announcements

- Sandy Ostheimer, Vice-Chair is home recovering from surgery; Art Under the Oaks was a big success for St. Matthew's; Barton Joffrion warned the members about ambrosia beetles.
- Next meeting announced to be May 15, 2017.
- **Motion to adjourn** was made by Monica Harris. It was seconded by Barton Joffrion and carried with no objection.

Submitted by

S. Myers McAllister

Secretary