

Tree Board Minutes of February 23, 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. Parish advisors: Linda Henderson, David Luke, and Chris Pulaski.

Meeting was called to order at 11:34. Jason Serrano, Monica Harris, Diane Theriot and Barton Joffrion, were present. Mike Niette and Pat Gordon were absent. Parish representative Chris Pulaski, Linda Henderson and David Luke were present. QUORUM MET.

Motion to accept January minutes was made by Monica Harris and 2nd by Diane Theriot.

Financial report No changes

OLD BUSINESS

project updates:

East Tunnel-- dwarf Indian hawthorn has been planted in the median. The Parish is hiring a technician to maintain Parish property in the downtown area, and he will water the plantings in the downtown corridor.

We discussed buying a large water tank, which could be placed in a surplus truck, to water parish plantings. We authorized pricing a tank and electric pump.

Courthouse Oaks— Chris and Jason will meet to discuss proposals.

Dularge overpass—Chris has responded to DOTD about distances from the road and is waiting for a response from them.

Tree Donation project –Monica submitted a list of trees suitable for donations in parking lots for review. Mike will find vendors for plaques (working with Linda Henderson).

Sybil Guidry's Tree Will be planted at Shady Oaks Park by Bob Thibodaux on Friday morning.

NEW BUSINESS

David Luke is retiring and introduced Clay Naquin who will take his place as an advisor to the Tree Board.

Clay is director of Solid waste and vegetation for the Parish.

Houma was chosen again as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. We discussed getting a plaque and where we can put it. Maybe hang it from one of the Welcome to Terrebonne signs.

Angie in IT will be updating the Tree Board website.

Next meeting will be March 16 at the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum.

The meeting adjourned at 12:08.

Monica Harris, secretary

