

## Tree Board Minutes October 24, 2022

Officers: Monica Harris, secretary; Members: Barton Joffrion, Pat Gordon, and Wayne Simoneaux. Parish advisors: Clay Naquin, and Chris Pulaski.

Meeting was called to order at 11:44, At the Folklife Culture Center. Monica Harris, Pat Gordon, Barton Joffrion and Wayne Simoneaux were present. Parish representatives Chris Pulaski and Clay Naquin were present. QUORUM MET.

**Motion to accept March minutes** (there have been no meetings since March) was made by Pat Gordon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barton Joffrion. Approved.

**Financial report** -- On 5/22/22 \$593.14 was paid to High Branch Inc. for seedlings for Arbor Day. Funds available: \$32,046.86

### OLD BUSINESS

**Dularge overpass**—We are **still** waiting for a response from DOTD. Chris thinks it may help to re-submit a simpler plan.

**Apache Tree Grant for 2023.** Apache will only provide 1000 seedlings. We will have to purchase container trees. Request for quotes will be sent in December. We discussed including more cypress and pecan trees. Monica will make information posters for the seedlings and we will work to display them better. We will hold the event at the library (Chris will check availability) on Jan 28. We will not work in conjunction with the Farmers' Market because we need the parking space.

**Courthouse Oaks**-- Stump Out has finished crown pruning. We need to aerate and protect the roots from foot traffic. We discussed possible fencing solutions but no decision was made.

### NEW BUSINESS

Jason Serrano and Christie Parker have resigned. Three positions are open.

In unanimous votes Pat Gordon was elected chair; Monica Harris was elected vice –chair and secretary. We need a treasurer. We need to recruit new members.

Pat will re-write the Tree Board Mission Statement to emphasize that we are using trees as a “nature-based drainage solution.”

Chris will ask IT to update the Tree Board and Facebook webpages. Monica suggested a monthly column with stories of interest about trees to encourage people to read both pages. We will ask for reader input once it is established. She will write the first one for approval at the December meeting.

We also decided to re-start the Tree-Mendous Tree Awards and we approved the award to GIS Engineering on Elysian Dr. However, we can't present the award until we find the signs. Chris will look for them.

The next meeting time and place will be announced. We hope to return to the Wetlands Center because parking is better.

Adjourned at 12:47.

Monica Harris

Secretary.