

MINUTES

KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD

SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

The regular meeting of the Knoxville Tree Board was called to order at Ijams Nature Center at 8:30 a.m. on September 4, 2008, with Tom Wolf presiding. Board members present were Terry Faulkner, Bob Santore, Tom Simpson, Steve Noe, Rocky Smith, and Beth Eason.

Ex-Officio members present were Ed Yost, IJAMS Nature Center; David McGinley, City Engineering; Jeff McCarter, City Arborist; Anne Wallace, Policy and Communication; and Kathy Hall, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES: Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: BETH EASON: Beth had requested that nominees for membership, and the chair positions be sent to her. Nominees for membership, David Vandergriff, Emily Woodle, and Ed Yost, spoke at the meeting. Beth will call, and/or email members to find out who would be willing to serve as Chair, and Co-chair. All three nominees will be presented to the Mayor and City Council for approval. This will be taken up at the September.

TREE REMOVAL: JEFF McCARTER: Jeff brought to the Board's attention the need to remove a tree in the Hope 6 area, that is over 50% dead, and poses a danger to residents. The tree was possibly damaged by construction in the area.

OTHER BUSINESS

Anne Wallace gave a brief overview of the Urban Forestry Council that will meet in Knoxville on September 12, 2008, at the Downtown Hilton. Tree Board members can attend up to three board related lectures without cost. All other events will cost. Members that will attend some or all sessions will include Beth Eason, Tom Simpson, Terry Faulkner, Rocky Smith and Steve Noe.

Steve Noe presented a copy of the by-laws, with recommended changes, to the Board for approval. Changes were approved, and a motion was made to add Tennessee Division of Forestry to the by-laws under Article IV entitled Organization.

Tom Simpson stepped down from his role as a termed member, and chose to become an ex-officio member. This left his seat open for a third nominee for the termed membership position.

Tom Simpson spoke concerning hazardous trees at the Knoxville Zoo. They are asking professional tree companies to consider donating services to help remove hazardous trees from the grounds.

Terry Faulkner reported that twelve trees were saved in the Fort Sanders area. She suggested that a thank you letter be written to Jeff Maples, of the University of Tennessee, for his efforts in saving these trees.

The Board passed a motion to make recommendations to save the trees on Sutherland Avenue. Terry, and Tom Wolf will meet with Dr. Stoner and a KUB representative to discuss saving the trees. Treegaters and Ooze Tubes, as an alternative to manually watering trees on a weekly basis, was a topic of discussion. Also, discussed was the possibility of have a logo put on whichever item is purchased.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Santore would like to discuss planting Crepe Myrtles in South Knoxville on the agenda for next month.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Kathy Hall, Recording Secretary