



City of Cookeville Tree Board Minutes

April, 3 2019 Time: 12:00pm

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm

In attendance: Guy Zimmerman, Jaime Nunan, Marti Foster, Mike Witt, Tony Stone, Greg Brown, Jeff Littrell, Ed Hollingsworth, Ken Young, Ron Graves, Jim Woodford

I. Budget Report

a. Review Budget for FY 20

Board will enter FY 20 with \$12,852.00 in available funds, and has budgeted to spend \$9,030.00

II. Funeral Home Donations

To date we have received a total of \$350.00 in Donations from Hopper Huddleston Funeral Home to plant memorial trees. Donations are made from private parties in lieu of flowers, trees planted will not have official markers, however a map will be created with locations of trees and sent out to donors after planting.

Board members discussed reaching out to other funeral homes to share the memorial tree planting idea, and decided that would be best after the first tree planting is complete with the original donations.

III. Billboard

“Stop Don’t Top” billboard is being displayed on Jefferson Ave for two months beginning in April.

IV. Utility Bill Tree Insert

Jeff Fitzpatrick and Jaime Nunan worked together to create an urban/utility forestry informational insert for City of Cookeville utility

customers (approx. 16,400). The insert is in the process of being printed and distributed, total cost \$1060.00

V. Arbor Day 2019: April 5th, Cane Creek Park Courtside Shelter

Arbor Day will be celebrated April 5th, 1pm at Cane Creek Park. TDF will present Tree City USA and Tree Line USA awards to appropriate representatives. We will also be planting trees, and taking a walk around the newly certified Cane Creek Arboretum.

VI. Cookeville High School Art Review

Board members reviewed all art submissions presented by Tony Stone from Cookeville High School students. Board narrowed results down to 7 finalist and will make final votes at May board meeting.

VII. Biochar Presentation

Guest Speaker – Eric Henderson TIPCO

VIII. Other Business

Board Members discussed created a Facebook/Social media account for the tree board to distribute tree care, tree board, and all general urban forestry information similar to other local tree boards. Board will need to check with appropriate city staff for approval.

Revitalization of the Redbud festival was discussed in comparison with other tree festivals being held this spring throughout the state.

Meeting Adjourned 1:07pm