



COOKEVILLE TREE BOARD

City of Cookeville Tree Board Minutes

August, 7 2019 Time: 12:00pm

In attendance: Guy Zimmerman, Douglas Airhart, Tony Stone. Greg Brown, Jeff Littrell, Jim Woodford, Ed Hollingsworth, Cody Barrett, Marti Foster, Mike Witt, Jeff Fitzpatrick.

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July meeting were approved

II. Status of TAEP Grant

The TAEP Grant has been approved by the Cookeville City Council. Planting of 85 trees is planned thus far.

III. International Society of Arboriculture Conference in Knoxville & ISA Certification for Guy Zimmerman

The International Society of Arborists Conference and ISA Certification is upcoming in Knoxville. City Arborist, Jamie Nunan is working on completing her certification. Guy will probably not renew his certification. Jeff Fitzpatrick will be attending.

IV. Cookeville High School Art Contest Article

An article appeared in the Herald Citizen regarding the Cookeville High School Art contest from the new Tree Board tee shirts. The Board voted to get tee shirts for board members to wear at events such as tree plantings.

V. 2020 Home Show - March 6-7

Guy is working on ordering trees for the 2020 Home and Garden Show. There is a question as to the availability of trees from the

state. The goal is to distribute 1500 trees. Redbud has been promoted in the past, as well as Oaks, Tulip Poplar, Pine, Pecan, Dogwood, Sweetgum.

VI. Tree inventory for high travel areas

Tree Inventory for High Traffic Areas - An effort to improve areas like Jefferson Avenue and Willow. We can plant on both public and private locations. This will begin when Jamie Nunan is back. Congratulations, Jamie!

VII. Partners in Community Forestry Conference Nov 20-21

Partners in Forestry Conference will be in Cleveland, Ohio, November 20-21. Jamie is going.

VIII. Other News

Dr. Douglas Airhart will continue representing the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Human Ecology on the Tree Board.

The Tree Board will plan a social during the month of October – time and date to be decided by Mike and Guy.

The Tree Board may need to address any bad press due to removal of trees on the Courthouse Square. An article is proposed detailing the past history of the trees on the square and the origin of the Tree Board in response to topping, as well as the subject of replacement trees there and throughout downtown. Promoting trees through the electronic as well as the newspaper was discussed, maybe with Becky Macgura or Philip Gibbons.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 12:00 pm.

NO September meeting due to travel plans of board members.

Meeting adjourned 1:54 pm