



## **City of Cookeville Tree Board Minutes**

**February 5, 2020 Time: 12:00pm**

In attendance: Guy Zimmerman, Tony Stone, Greg Brown, Jeff Littrell, Jeff Fitzpatrick, Jaime Nunan, Douglas Airhart, Ken Young, Mike Witt, Ron Graves, Jim Woodford, Cody Barrett.

### **I. Approval of Minutes**

### **II. K-12 Tree City**

Jaime spoke with the environmental club at the Cookeville High School and reviewed the K-12 Tree City requirements. Tony reported the club is working to meet these requirements and should be able to apply after their Arbor Day celebration.

### **III. 2020 Home Show - March 6-7**

The tree board will not be selling seedlings this year instead giving them away, two per customer.

Board discussed the possibility of a silent raffle to raise funds, no final decisions were made.

### **IV. Awards Program**

An award program funded by the tree board to annually recognize those exhibiting environmental excellence in our city for going above and beyond what is required by codes was discussed. Guy mentioned the previous awards program, the redbud award that the tree board had and discussed the possibility of new awards or partnerships for awards. An awards committee has been established and will meet at a later date to discuss further.

### **V. Newspaper Article Series**

Board members discussed ways to overcome to spread of tree topping throughout the city, and decided to spread education by using a utility bill insert, newspaper article, and billboard to spread awareness.

**VI. T-shirt Order**

Tony has placed the t-shirt order and should have the shirts by next week.

**VII. Teachers Summer Conservation Workshop in Cookeville**

Teri Frye – Tennessee Forestry Association

Terry Frye from the Tennessee Forestry Association spoke with the board about the Summer Conservation Workshop she is planning to host in Cookeville in June. Board members offered assistance in planning, locations, and educational presentations/trips.

Contact Info: Teri Frye (931)319-4189 [tfrye@tnforestry.com](mailto:tfrye@tnforestry.com)

**VIII. Other News**

Board members will be meeting at public works on 02/10/2020 at 9:00am to draft a budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

**Important Dates**

March 6-7, 2020 – Cookeville Home Show

March 21, 2020 – TN Tree Day, tree handout at Public Works 8:00am-12:00pm

April, 24, 2020 – Arbor Day Picture at Tennessee Avenue

October 15-16, 2020 – Tennessee Urban Forestry Council Annual Conference

**Meeting Adjourned 12:50pm**