



CITY OF  
**COOKEVILLE**  
T E N N E S S E E

## **Tree Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 3, 2025, at 12:00pm**

In attendance: Jeff Thompson, Douglas Airhart, Mary Beth Elrod, Zach Sommers, DeLayne Miller, Guy Zimmerman, Jeff Fitzpatrick, Sid Bundy, Matt Billings, Lynda Lacoax

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

- a. August Minutes Approval – Motion made by Doug A., Second by DeLayne M. all in favor ay, no nays.
- b. July Minutes Approval – Motion made by Mary E., Second by Doug A. all in favor ay, no nays.

### **II. TAEP Grant Update**

Grant is open to apply starting August 20<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Matt Billings and Zach Sommers will be preparing with Mary Elrod to get list of trees needed that need replacing to add to the application.

- a. Locations discussed: TCT Rail Trail areas, Neal Street, HBP/Venture Drive, Farmers Market, Fire Stations, CMRC Lot, Dogwood Park, Cane Creek and Cane Creek Park Expansion area.
- b. Discussed buying in bulk bare root trees this year for HBP/Venture replacements to see if survival rate is better.
- c. Tree Diaper was discussed in lieu of Gator Water Bags that get damaged.

### **III. Member Positions Nominations/Re-Appointments**

- a. One open member position – Need nominations – Lynda Lacoax guest today.

### **IV. Additional Business**

- a. Lynda Lacoax is hoping to provide literature/brochure handouts to the City to post and give away to educate the public on what to do with injured or baby birds.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:39 pm** (Doug A. motion, DeLayne M. second, all ays, no nays)