



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

## **Tree Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 1, 2025, at 12:00pm**

In attendance: Jeff Thompson, Douglas Airhart, Mary Beth Elrod, Zach Sommers, DeLayne Miller, Guy Zimmerman, Tony Stone, Nichole Sinkel, James Wood

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

- a. September Minutes Approval – Motion made by DeLayne M., Second by Guy Z. all in favor ay, no nays.

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

Grant was submitted September 30<sup>th</sup> by Matt Billings. Copies to discuss.

- a. Per DeLayne, TTU submitted a grant application as well.
- b. Members reviewed copies of the grant and maps with Zach S.

### **III. Tree City USA Applications**

Applications will be opening with the Arbor Day Foundation beginning in September.

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

- a. One open member position – Need nominations

### **V. Additional Business**

- a. TTU Guests today were Student Nichole Sinkel and Professor James Wood. Both discussed their research and how they can partner with the City Stormwater/Tree Board and TTU.
- b. Sustainability Day at TTU Centennial Plaza October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30-1pm – City of Cookeville Public Works Stormwater will setup a table and also have Tree Board brochures for any member that can attend to hand them out.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm** (Doug A. motion, DeLayne M. second, all ays, no nays)