

Tree Board minutes May 15, 2024

Officers: Pat Gordon, Chairman, Linda Brashier, Vice-Chair, and members Barton Joffrion and Connie Bourg, parish advisors: Chris Pulaski, BJ Schmill, and Clay Naquin were present. Jordan Lirette and Debra Ellender were absent. Meeting was called to order at 12:42 pm at the TPCG Planning and Zoning Office at 7836 w Park Ave, Houma, LA. Quorum was MET.

Minutes from the last meeting, April 2024, were accepted by Barton and seconded by Linda.

Financial Report- Funds Available: \$40,547.00

Announcements:

Jordan Lirette has stated that he resigned however an official resignation has not been received yet. This will leave the board with 2 vacancies. Also, as Jordan was the secretary it will require the need to appoint a new one once his resignation has been confirmed.

Old Business:

Louisiana Treesilence Program Funding- The program has now opened for applications and the board will apply to update their canopy plan.

Moss Park Planting- Chris sent out 4 quotes (Gainer, Angelo, Foret, and Nicoles) for the planting and the board is ok with the Planning Director to select the lowest quote for the planting.

Creation of Bylaws- Pat will draft bylaws that are based on HTRPC bylaws that were sent out in the meeting packet.

Tree Plaques (Jim Bowie Park)- BJ will get with Acadian Concrete to get them ordered and the plaques will also show the live oak society registration numbers.

New Business:

2024-2025 Apache Tree Grant Program- The board will ask Apache for permission to use their grant funding to purchase the following trees from BTNEP: bald cypress, live oak, Montezuma cypress, Nuttall Oak, Shumard oak, white oak, red maple, and river birch.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, as the third Wednesday of the month falls on Juneteenth.