

Tree Board Minutes July 17, 2024

Officers Pat Gordon, Chairman, Linda Brashier, Vice Chair, and members Barton Joffrion and Connie Bourg, parish advisor: BJ Schmill were present. Jordan Lirette and Debra Ellender were absent. Meeting was called to order at 11:35 pm at the TPCG Planning and Zoning Office at 7836 W Park Ave, Houma, LA. Quorum was MET.

Minutes from the last meeting, May 2024, were accepted by Barton and seconded by Connie.

Financial report- Fund available: **\$34,947**

Announcements:

The Board was made aware of the required ethics and sexual harassment training and BJ will send them the links so they can complete it.

Old Business:

2024-2025 Apache Tree Grant Program- Barton made a motion to have the board purchase trees from somewhere other than BTNEP for the 2025 Tree Giveaway as they do not have a good variety of trees. Additionally, the Board decided to notify BTNEP within the 16 months so they can have one-gallon trees grown out for the 2026 Tree Giveaway. This was seconded by Linda.

Amanda Takacs- Louisiana Treesilence Program funding- A meeting is to be arranged between Pat Gordon, TPCG Planning Director Chris Pulaski, and TPCG Planner I BJ Schmill to discuss the parameters of the Tree Assessment that is to be applied for through the grant.

Creation of Bylaws- Pat is still working on the bylaws and shared that he is basing the bylaws off the South-Central Planning and Development Commission By-laws.

Moss Park Planting Request Update (Scott Lane)- BJ Schmill updated the Board that the trees were planted in the park and water bags were used.

Tree Plaques Update (Jim Bowie Park)- The Board received a quote back from Acadian Concrete showing an estimate of \$9,234 for the twenty-one 16" hickies with the engravings of the names of the soldiers who the trees were planted for. Pat requested that the Board get 2 more estimates.

New Business:

The Board discussed different local organizations to speak with regarding filling their Board vacancy.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm by Pat and seconded by Barton.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 21, 2024