



## Minutes June 17, 2014

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### Opening

The regular meeting of the Terrebonne Parish Tree Board was called to order at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 in the conference room on the sixth floor of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Building by Laura Browning, Chair at 11:30am. Sandy Ostheimer offered an Invocation.

### Present:

Laura Browning  
Sandy Ostheimer  
Diane Theriot  
Trudy Hebert  
Monica Harris  
Corey Messina

Chris Pulaski, Sr. Planner, TPCG Liaison  
David Luke, TPCG Advisor  
Linda Henderson, TPCG  
Nicholas Caletti, TPCG intern

### Absent:

JoAnn Kirkpatrick  
Barton Joffrion

### Approval of the minutes from May 20, 2014.

Sandy Ostheimer, motion to approve minutes as presented, second by Monica Harris. Motion carried.

### Reports:

#### Parish Report by Chris Pulaski:

##### **Project Hwy 311**

Ganier's to replace two dead trees. Purchase order needed for Tree Board to replace the six damaged trees. Ganier's will removed dead trees, trim, mark beds for mowers to see; stake all trees; to replace in fall. Other damages will be repaired as well. Hwy 311 project cost \$4000 to be taken from the budget item replacement of inventory.

##### **Parking Lot (Ellender)**

Pulaski met with Anne Picou and Dana Brown for Phase II, on the Ellender Lot drawing of landscape. Lot to be hard-surfaced with non-permeable materials.

At this time, DDC is considering Phase II and has approved the plans and construction of Phase I.

**Skate Park:** The contract for construction has been awarded and is expected to begin work in June and will be completed by December 2014. Tree Board has retained \$10,000 to replace trees etc., which could be done in November 2014.

**Ethics Certifications:** All board members have completed ethics training requirements.

**Financial Report by Laura Browning:**

As of June 10, 2014 Sonja Labat reports balance of \$22,566.51.

**Publications Report by Trudy V Hebert**

Tree Tour Completed on Bayou Dularge Next Tree Tour will be on Sunday June 22 at 1 PM, Parking lot at Town Hall 807 Barrow Street in Houma, LA. The committee will have nominees for the quarterly Treemendous Tree Award based on their tours. Sandy Ostheimer has taken on the tasks of getting price quotes form printers. Information will be copies to DVDs (5) to present to printers. List provided to Sandy.

**Chair Report by Laura Browning:**

Browning asked Linda Henderson to bring us up-to-date on the possible partnership with Parish Government on a Keep America Beautiful grant. Linda Henderson spoke on the Tree Board collaborating with Parish Government for a Keep America Beautiful grant, to support their efforts to build a Butterfly Dome in Terrebonne Parish near the Main Library area. The Lowes' sponsored grant will be applied for \$20,000. Motion was made Trudy V Hebert, with second by Sandy Ostheimer to support Terrebonne Parish Government's efforts in their application for a grant with Keep America Beautiful and Lowe's. Discussion: Board members asked what would be expected of the board through the resolution. The resolution would clarify the relationship of the Board in the project. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Pulaski brought up the opening of the Apache Foundation Grant on June 1. A motion by Trudy Hebert and second by Diane Hebert to approve submitting the application was made. The motion passed unanimously. Application will be completed by Chris Pulaski to request 200 potted trees and 2000 saplings. The Terrebonne Parish Tree Board and Apache Tree Giveaway for Arbor Day is scheduled for January 17, 2015. A hardwood mix was determined to be the best for the area.

**Old Business:**

David Luke reported that the tree on Oaklawn Drive was removed as recommend by the Board.

**New Business:**

- 1) David Luke reported a request by a community member that a panting of three pine trees on the right-of-way property at 312 Melanie be removed because the plantings were placed on the ROW and too closely spaced. Mr. Luke will inform property owners of the right of way issues and remove the pine trees as per direction of the Board .
- 2) David Luke: 416 Hibernia, an approximately 50-year-old water oak, with termites, damaged and dying needs emergency removal. After discussion of safety concerns motion was made to remove the tree by Sandy Ostheimer and second by Diane Theriot. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3) David Luke: reported a request by a community member and the Coroner's office for the removal of old Crepe Myrtles, a water oak and other tree stock. The plantings were infested with bees , lined with poison ivy. She is asking that the old Crepe Myrtles from the front fence to the back be removed as well as the 60' to 70' Pecan tree and a Hackberry tree. Board members are asked to go to the site to view and to report at next month's meeting on the status of the trees in question. A vote will be taken then to remove or not remove the trees.
- 4) David Luke: reported by Parish employees, on the Airbase an approximately 50 yr. old Water oak was filled with bees has been hit by lightning. The tree is located near Armory and the old TARC entrance. Board members are asked to view and to report at next month's meeting on the status and a vote will be taken to remove or not remove said tree.
- 5) South Hollywood Road hollies have been removed and will be replace with appropriate design to facilitate management and traffic. Irrigation system will be assessed and changed if necessary.
- 6) David Luke: At the Civic Center, two Leland Cypress trees have died and the staff is asking for assistance from the Tree Board for replacements. The replacements will need to be 8' to 10' trees. Monica Harris and David Luke will review prices for available stock for the July board meeting. Discussion at the July Board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn at 12:50pm. The next meeting will be held July 15, 2014.

Submitted by

Trudy V. Hebert