



## Terrebonne Tree Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 2014

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### Present:

- ✓ Laura Browning
- ✓ Trudy Hebert
- ✓ Diane Theriot
- ✓ Barton Joffrion
- ✓ Cory Messina
- ✓ Sandy Ostheimer
- ✓ Monica Harris
- ✓ Linda Henderson – TPCG Community
- ✓ Chris Pulaski – TPCG Sr. Planner Liaison
- ✓ Davis Luke – TPCG Advisor

### Guest:

- ✓ Ethel Pourciau – Summerfield Garden Club

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Terrebonne Parish Tree Board was called to order by Chair, Laura Browning, at 11:35 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair, gave an opening prayer.

Motion by Trudy Hebert, second by Sandy Ostheimer to accept the minutes of August 19, 2014. Passed.

### Reports:

Chris discussed that he got Consolidated Waterworks to turn off meter temporarily at South Hollywood because trees have been removed and the system is damaged and need to be replaced. We may have to pay a \$25.00 re-connection fee at a later date. He discussed the skate park plan and we will soon have to provide the \$10,000 for planting as budgeted.

Members suggested plant five oaks or swamp red maples (variety Drummondi) along berm as a buffer, and Pond cypress on far end of park. The completion date for the Skate Park is December 2015.

### Finance Report:

The finance report reflects funds for projects that are pending or have been delayed. Funds available: \$22,467.11

**Publications** – Trudy gave report. Tour of Big Bayou Black is complete. The review group will review the trees to Hwy 311.

### Old Business:

The resident at 218 Hanson requested in August a review for removal of the cypress at that address. The adhoc Tree Review committee will review the tree prior to the October meeting. Supervisor David Luke has reviewed the tree and found no reason for removal.

David received a request to remove damaged tree at Bayou Black Gym. The tree was damaged by lightning damage and termites. David has already addressed the Recreation Board and recommended the removal. Motion by Trudy, second by Diane to support David Luke's recommendation. Passed.

The status of the proposed Parish Tree Ordinance was discussed. It remains in departmental review according to Chris.

Chris indicated he has a certificate for Mrs. JoAnn Kirkpatrick for her years of service to Tree Board.

Under the Voice of the Wetlands Festival, Laura discussed the changes in the festival structure. There will be more emphasis on cultural activities of the wetlands including boat building and unique culture type activities. There will not be educational exhibitors this year.

Guest – Mrs. Ethel Pourciau with Summerfield Garden Club addressed the Board about pruning 9 crape myrtles at entrance of Summerfield. The Tree Board provided a list of licensed arborists for the organization.

The next meeting will be October 21, 2014.

Diane made a motion to adjourn, second by Sandy. Passed.

Submitted by,

Barton Joffrion, Secretary