

**Terrebonne Parish Tree Board  
TPCG Government Tower 6th Floor Conference Room  
8026 Main Street Houma LA 70360**



Minutes of Tuesday, November 17, 2015

**Present:** Linda Brashier, Laura Browning, Monica Harris, Trudy V. Hebert, Barton Joffrion, Sandy Ostheimer, Corey Messina, Diane Theriot; Parish Representative, Linda Henderson.

**Absent:** Parish Representatives: Chris Pulaski and David Luke

1. Meeting was called to order by Laura Browning, Chair at 11:35 AM.
2. Invocation presented by Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair.
3. Minutes of October 20, 2015 were read. Motion to approve, as amended, by Sandy Ostheimer and second by Barton Joffrion. **Motion carried.**

4. Reports of Officers, Projects, and Committees

*Parish Adviser:* Laura Browning presented information from Chris Pulaski on the Civic Center Boulevard Project and South Hollywood Rd project. He expects to have the plans within 10 days.

*Financial Report:* Browning presented the financial report prepared by Sonya showing a balance of \$33,370.36 with expenditures of \$6638.74

*Publications Report:* Trudy Hebert reported that the file of notable trees was complete and Board members would be receiving information shortly to determine which trees would be included in the proposed publication.

*Chair Report:* Laura Browning presented the Chair's report, including a review of a residential concern which was determined to be on private property and involved in litigation, and it was determined upon review to not be in the purview of the Board.

5. Under old business, the Tree-Mendous Award was briefly discussed. It will be ready for the December 15, 2015 meeting.

*Arbor Day:* Sandy Ostheimer presented a brief report on the Arbor Day Tree Distribution. It will be held at the Main Branch of the Terrebonne Parish Library, 151 Library Drive on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Members of La-Terre Master Gardeners will assist with the distribution. It will begin at 9am. Trees, containers and saplings, will arrive on Friday and the Master Gardeners will be available to assist then as well. There will be approximately 800 nutall oak saplings for distribution as well as container trees. Trudy Hebert will handle the print and social media.

6. Under new business, a question was heard about the oak trees at Bowie Park. This was identified as a Terrebonne Garden Club project.

A call was made for members to serve on the nominating committee for the elections of officers in January 2016. Sandy Ostheimer, Monica Harris and one other board member to be named will serve as the committee and report to the Board at the December meeting. Election of officers will take place at the January 19, 2016 meeting.

There being no further new business, announcements from Board members were received.

- A new Master Gardener class will begin on January 5, 2016.
- The American Planning Association- Louisiana Chapter Annual Meeting will be held in Houma, March 2-4, 2016 at the Courtyard Marriott; Chris Pulaski is the conference planning chair and will need volunteers.

The next meeting of the Tree Board will be on December 15, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Submitted by,

Trudy V. Hebert, Secretary