

Terrebonne Parish Tree Board

TPCG Government Towers 6th Floor Conference Room
Main Street, Houma, La



Minutes of Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Present: Laura Browning, Sandy Ostheimer, Trudy V. Hebert, Linda Brashier, Barton Joffrion, Diane Theriot and Parish Representatives, Chris Pulaski and David Luke

Absent: Monica Harris

1. Meeting was called to order by Laura Browning, Chair at 11:37 AM
2. Invocation presented by Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair
3. Introduction of Guests; None attending
4. Minutes of January 19, 2015 presented and Motion to approve made by Barton Joffrion and second by Linda Brashier, motion passed.
5. Report of officers, projects and committees:
 - a. *Parish Advisor*: Chris Pulaski requested Arbor Day report f to include pictures, press release clips to send to Apache.
 - b. *Financial Report*: Report by Sonja Labat with a balance of \$46,732.00.
 - c. *Publications Report*: Trudy V. Hebert, collected votes for Notable Trees, tie breakers for brochure and thanked committee members for their assistance in completing the inventory process.
 - d. *Chair Report*: Meeting with new Parish President Gordon Dove to be scheduled.
6. Old Business:
 - a. There is a vacancy on the Board and members were encouraged to help identify possible candidates.
 - b. Ethics certificates for 2016
Certificates completed: Laura Browning, Trudy V. Hebert, Sandy Ostheimer, Barton Joffrion, Linda Henderson and Linda Brashier
Pending: Cory Messina, Monica Harris, and Diane Theriot.
 - c. Arbor Day report: Sandy Ostheimer reported that 118 container trees and over 800 seedlings were distributed before 9:30am. Over 114 households in various areas of the parish brought home trees for planting along with Right Tree, Right Location and other planting instructions from the Tree board publications. Thanks go out to Master Gardeners who showed up for 2 days to assist in the distribution and providing great planting information.
 - d. Notable Tree project: Trudy V Hebert presented information on the tie breakers. Winners will be sent to board members via email before next meeting. Members are asked to contact Publications Chair with information on the winning trees for contacts; stories, and histories for future pdf article to be written about each winner for the website along with Google links for locations.
7. New Business:
 - a. After discussion a motion was made to develop a collaborative relationship with the District 11 Recreation to pay for the creation of a tree management plan for the City Park (Airbase), not to surpass \$10,000.00. Motion made by Diane Theriot and second by Sandy Ostheimer, motion passed unanimously.
8. Announcements:
 - a. Linda Brashier announced the Bayou Clean up in March.
 - b. Chris Pulaski announced the national APA conference will be held in Houma and volunteers are needed to be held at the Marriot March 2 to 4th. If interested call Linda Henderson.
 - c. Next Meeting March 15, 2016
9. Adjourn

Submitted by,

Trudy V. Hebert, Secretary