

Town of Montreat
Tree Board
February 27 , 2024 - 9:30 am

Minutes

Present Tyler , Brad , Ed

Call to order

Moment of silence

Adoption of agenda. – The Board accepted the Agenda Without changes

Approval of minute – none submitted

Public comments- Mary Standaert talk about open spaces about not let it be open to cut down or to do anything on it

Reports

Chair Discussion was largely about the history of Arbor Day and the responsibility of the Tree Board. Ultimately the Board Members present agreed to go ahead and address the Planned Treasured Tree situation as part of Ed Krmers report, since is report would be on that topic anyway.

Mr Kramer then showed a list of trees nominated for the Treasured Tree roster. He needs to make a presentation to land owners. The cost of the plaque would be \$50 and sponsors would be asked to contribute and addition \$50 as a contribution to the program. Only two trees are on private property. The rest are on MRA property.

Dates for Arbor Day were discussed and ultimately Mr. Kramer moved that the board designate May 4 as Arbor Day in conjunction with the Native Plant Sale. Plaques would have costs as described above. No additional nominations would be accepted without the approval of the Tree Board. – Mr Kramer's motion was accepted by the Board unanimously.

6- Commissioner representative- Mason Blake monitored the meeting via zoom and spoke some, but did not vote at any time.

Land care- Arrington Cox was not at Feb meeting due to illness

Town Manager: Savannah Parish Was not at Feb meeting.

Public works- Barry Creasman / Daniel Wiggs Was not at Feb meeting due to the need to address an urgent situation with a problem tree.

At large member- Tyler Smith In conversation with the other board members, Mr Smith, whose business is landscaping, agreed to monitor the community for developments involving trees that need Board attention and bring those things to the board.

Old business:

Budget: The Board talked about getting a budg for the tree board for 2024 of a \$1,000.00 and Brad talking about getting a app for looking find tree was going see how much it would be. The Board will finalize it budget request at the March meeting.

(Arbor Day 😊) The Tree board will be at the (Native) plants sale on May 4th and going have Swannanoa valley tree alliance there we will be about 5-8 tree with a sign on it that will tell you about tree and more on it and you come see more info about both group(s)

Right of Way Closures: Mary Standaert reviewed the types of issues that involve Right of Way closures and urges that the Board consider participating in developing language to clarify the process of right of way closure with an eye, as well, toward a better defined role of the Tree the Tree Board.

New business - none

Next meeting March 23, 2024 9:30 AM

10- Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted
Tyler Smith, Secretary