

Town of Montreat
Tree Board
March 26, 2024 9:30 AM
Montreat Town Hall

Minutes

Present : Ed Kramer, Brad Hestir, Arrington Cox, Tyler Smith

A quorum was present with one absence. Chair reviewed the rules concerning attendance and what constitutes a quorum. Committee members who are absent may listen in via zoom and will be allowed to speak at the chair's digression, but are not legally allowed to vote

Moment of Silence

Adoption of Agenda – The March Agenda was approved as presented

Approval of Minutes –

February Minutes were approved as presented Approved as Presented Arrington Moved, decision unanimous

January Minutes have not yet been submitted

Public Comments - none made

Reports

Chair_

Chair Attended a training Event sponsored by the Chestnut Foundation consisting of demonstration and information about planting of Chestnut seedlings and seed. Later in the day TACF showed a file entitled "Clear Day Thunder" about the efforts to restore the American Chestnut species to it former range in Eastern US.

Arbor Day 2024

The Board discussed Plans for Aborday. Chair will be preparing A Proclamation to present to the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting.

Re software for GIS mapping – Chair has been looking into the question of software for the Tree Board to use for Tree Inventory and other needs, He has not been able to determine costs, but believes that if it is not prohibitive the GIS system would be most beneficial.

Commissioner representative- Mason Blake no report

Landcare chair-Arrington Cox - Talked about plans for the Plant Sale for May 4T
Town Manager - Savanah Parish no report

Public Works - Daniel Wiggs Report on cutting dead trees done about 20 in last month

At Large member - Ed Kramer Swannanoa Valley Tree Alliance is coming out May 4 and will provide information, and have tables set up be at plant sale. Then at 2:15 be going out put up plaques on trees

At Large member - Tyler Smith will maintain contact with Public Works and monitor the needs concerning dangerous trees, etc.

Old Business:

Board Budget discussion tp submit to commissioners. We are tole that the Tree Board does not have a budget and that The Tree Board should communicate needs directly to the commissioners.

Further discussion on the question of right-of-way closures: In the case of requests for right of way closures and in the case where property owners impinge on public trees there is a need for clarification o the role of the Tree Board. Members of The Board are seeing a need to review Tree Ordinance and. We will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

No New Business

Next regular meeting: April 23, 2024 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted
Secretary;
Tyler Smith