

**TOWN OF MONTREAT**  
**TREE BOARD**  
**MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING**

Chair welcomed the committee members and a moment of silence was observed.

The minutes from the November 10, 2025 were approved.

**Old Business**

- The Tree City application was discussed by Ed. He has been in touch with Tree City USA.
- Ed will obtain from the town the official 2025 Town of Montreat Arbor Day proclamation.
- Elizabeth will research the requirements for nominating a tree from Montreat for the 250<sup>th</sup>
- American Independence and report back at the January meeting.
- Elizabeth reported on the Treasured Tree program in Montreat. Ed reported that any additional
- Tree nominations should come from private property owners as the town and MRA don't want more signs posted in public areas.

  

- Ed will contact the local representative and chapter of the Chestnut foundation and follow up with The foundation on their plans for Montreat.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ann is working on plans for a winter information presentation.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Luke Bennett, conservation coordinator from the Swannanoa Valley Wild and the North Carolina Wildlife Federation announced a \$10,000.00 investment in Montreat. This will take the form of tree plantings. The Tree Board will work with this group to determine the best location(s) for the plantings. In addition there will be educational programs during this project. The money is now available.

Board Member Ashley Manson will coordinate with the group. Thank you Ashley for bringing this program to Montreat

Adjournment at 10:15 am