

St. Joseph Tree Board Meeting Minutes
6:00 p.m. – 4th Floor Conference Room
September 11, 2018

CITY CLERK

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Members present: John Holland Chairperson
Tom Slawson Co-Chairperson
Douglas Stanton

Members absent: Bea Roster

Staff present: Peggy Shaw, Code Enforcement Clerk

Walter Hughes, Property Maintenance Manager and Lonnie Messbarger, Resource Forester were unable to attend this meeting.

Quorum established with three members present.

John Holland opened the meeting. Tom Slawson made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written and Douglas Stanton seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Agenda Item #1: Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

Agenda #2: New Business

Annual election of Officers. It was decided upon and agreed that Tom Slawson would become the new Chairperson and John Holland will now be the new Co-Chairperson.

John Holland made the comment that he would like to see the Tree Board given a bit more authority. The ability to oversee any tree related decisions or issues with the City. Tom Slawson was in agreement with this.

Tom Slawson recommended on the upcoming Arbor Day in 2019, the Tree Board possibly reconsider other schools besides the newer schools they have been concentrating on. With the newer schools having an established tree population, John would like to try other schools also and suggested Hyde or Spring Garden.

It was also discussed the possibility of attending a School Board Meeting and letting them know what the Tree Board is and what it's purpose is.

Tom says he prefers to drive around and look at the different schools and see which schools may need trees planted. He is of the opinion that going through the School Board's red tape would possibly delay everything. Doug mentioned he would speak with the School Board President, whom he knows.

The Oak Grove trees will need addressed at some point. They need checked and trimmed and the T posts removed.

Doug Stanton suggested a Memorial Tree be planted for any City Officials who may have passed. It was determined that KCPL leans more towards helping with the schools and it was decided to stick with them specifically.

The application for the Tree City USA deadline is December 31, 2018. If possible, bring the application to the October meeting.

Walter Hughes will be retiring Oct. 1, 2018 and will no longer attend Tree Board Meetings. He wishes to pass along that he has enjoyed working with everyone on the board and wishes them the best. The Tree Board wishes the same for him.

Tom made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Douglas seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.

Next meeting will be October 9, 2018