

**Monroe Tree Board Meeting**  
**January 15, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall**

Present: Crista Carrell, Steve Brown, Susan Brown, Susan Pelham, Elaine Oakes, Sadie Krawczyk, Darrell Stone, Chris Schmitt

Crista Carrell called the meeting to order. Elaine Oakes made a motion, seconded by Susan Brown, to approve the minutes from October 16, 2019. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Attendees discussed the 2020 Arbor Day Celebration. It will be held on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pilot Park from 10:00-11:30 a.m., followed by tree planting in the park. Crista shared information on possible speakers and the board agreed to have a presentation on the subject of fruit trees and food forests. Susan Pelham will invite the Mayor to read the proclamation.

Darrell Stone reviewed planting plans. Fifteen ginkgos have been planted and he plans to purchase more. Most of the plantings will be in the powerline corridors so he will select conical trees that won't have to be pruned. Hornbeams, ginkgos, redbuds, and serviceberries are trees that would be appropriate selections. The elms along Broad Street will eventually have to be replaced; parrotia might be a good replacement. Darrell introduced Chris Schmitt, Parks Manager, who will be attending board meetings and collaborating on projects.

The board discussed implementing a Treebate program similar to the City of Jefferson's. Tree plantings near the right of way would be incentivized by giving property owners rebates on their utility bills. Board members suggested that Jefferson's arborist, Susan Russell, be invited to speak at the next board meeting. Angel Creek and Southeastern Nursery specialize in container trees and could be good sources for this program.

Sadie Krawczyk announced that the following board members' terms are expiring March 1<sup>st</sup>: Steve Brown, Crista Carrell, and Susan Pelham. They need to email Debbie Kirk that they do/do not want to be reappointed.

The next meeting of the Monroe Tree Board will be on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at City Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Crista Carrell  
Chairman