



## Tree Board

### AGENDA

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

4:00 PM

City Hall

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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

**Minutes**

[July](#) 10, 2019 Minutes

II. **MATTERS BEFORE COMMITTEE**

Jefferson's Treebate Program

2020 Arbor Day Celebration - Feb. 22, 2020, 10:00 am to Noon.

III. **ADJOURN**

**Monroe Tree Board Meeting  
July 10, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.  
City Hall**

Present: Steve Brown, Susan Brown, Crista Carrell, Elaine Oakes, Susan Pelham, Seth Hawkins, Sadie Krawczyk, Darrell Stone

Crista Carrell called the meeting to order. Board members agreed to set the quarterly meetings for the third Wednesday of January, April, July, and October at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Attendees discussed the 2019 Monroe Arbor Day celebration, which was on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at The Story Shop. The event brought in new participants to the celebration. Mayor John Howard welcomed the crowd and The Story Shop personnel read stories. Joan Scales, Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) Sustainable Community Forestry Program Coordinator, gave away trees. The 2020 celebration will be held on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Pilot Park.

Darrell Stone shared the City’s tree planting plans. He showed an aerial photo of the future police station parking lot on Blaine Street with the proposed planting. He is encouraging property owners to plant trees in private parking lots.

Seth Hawkins, GFC Community Forester, suggested that the board research the City of Jefferson’s Treebate program, in which property owners are given incentives to plant trees on the right of way. Different rebates are given according to the size of the trees, and there are commercial and residential incentives. Crista will contact Susan Russell, Jefferson’s arborist, for more information to share with the board.

Sadie Krawczyk will facilitate the addition of tree board information, including agendas, minutes, and the National Tree Benefit Calculator, to the City’s website, [www.monroega.com](http://www.monroega.com). Seth recommended looking at other cities such as Athens, Jefferson, and Winterville for examples of communications.

The tree ordinance, which was adopted in 2008, is due for an upgrade. The GFC can advise the board and Seth referred to the cities mentioned above for examples of updated ordinances.

The next meeting of the Monroe Tree Board will be on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at City Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Crista Carrell  
Chairman