



OAK RIDGE TREE BOARD

JANUARY 9, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.

OAK RIDGE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Tree Board Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allison Corado
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Browning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Austin Goldman, Co-chair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roy Nydorf, Co-chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Stoudemire

Town Council Members Present:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Greeson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Harton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Kinneman, Mayor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ann Schneider
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Stone, Mayor Pro Tem

Town Staff Members Present:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sam Anders, Finance Officer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bill Bruce, Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brock Dunigan, Park Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandra Smith, Asst. Manager & Clerk
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sean Taylor, Planner

Other: Ron Ray, visitor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Austin Goldman called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Nancy Stoudemire to accept the agenda as amended by Brock Dunigan to add:

- Election of chair and vice chair
- Confirmation of appointment of Allison Corado to committee
- Approval of June 6 meeting minutes

Motion seconded by John Browning

Vote: unanimous

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve minutes of June 6, 2024 by John Browning

Seconded by Nancy Stoudemire

Vote: unanimous

Motion made to approve minutes of October 10, 2024 meeting by John Browning

Seconded by Allison Cortado

Vote: unanimous

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Austin Goldman will attend the Town Council meeting and give the monthly report. The committee has an open seat for a new volunteer, as Nancy Stoudemire is resigning.
- B. Jim Kinneman reminded the committee that budget season is approaching. Budget requests should be to Finance Committee by March. Ideas: tree giveaways, coordinate with Duke for removal under power lines and Town supplies different more appropriate species.
- C. Brock announced that the Tree City application for 2024 is under review. A new requirement is that we need to plant a ceremonial tree each year.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of possible landscape removal for water tower construction

Brock introduced this topic. Construction of the new water tower will begin 1st week of February. The tower will be located directly at the end of the Town Hall parking lot. Construction crews will build a service road for equipment. Several options for placement were discussed, including on either side of the current landscape border between Town Hall and Crossfit. Other options were to block off the rear section of the parking lot for 1 year during construction, or access the site via Scoggins Rd. Consensus was to construct the road on the side of the landscape barrier that is closest to Town Hall, as this will protect the mature cryptomeria and provide pedestrian access to the park.

- B. Treasure Tree Nominations

This item was tabled to next month. A copy of the database will be sent with the minutes of this meeting. The tab marked "Updates to Winners 2024" has the changes from the first treasure tree database. Both the persimmon and sycamore trees should be discussed, and those trees should be re-measured if there are concerns.

After designation, the Board will report to Town Council, send notice to homeowners, recognize the homeowners with a certificate at a Town Council meeting, then coordinate photographs of the new winners and update the Town website.

- C. Tree root barrier/cost

Austin shared information from two companies. Still to be addressed are:

- Can asphalt be cosmetically repaired or should we rip out current asphalt and put down new?
- Parking lots with trees are buckling (from oaks).
- Can town crew install the barriers?
- How many linear feet do we need?

Brock will investigate and report back at next meeting.

- D. Proposed Transco Pipeline expansion

As the Town does not own any land along the pipeline, this matter was not discussed as an action by the Tree Board. There are community groups in action about this issue.

- E. Election of chair and vice chair.

This item was tabled until the February meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. New members are needed.

Next meeting: Thursday February 6, 2025 at 10:00 am.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nancy Stoudemire

Brock Dunigan
Parks Superintendent