

Oak Ridge Tree Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 2nd, 2023, 10:00am –11:00am, Oak Ridge Town Hall, 8315 Linville Rd, Oak Ridge, NC 27310

Tree Board Members: John Browning, Austin Goldman, Roy Nydorf
Nancy Stoudemire, Gigi Williams
Town Council Members: No members attended
Town Staff Members: Terry Lannon

1. CALL TO ORDER

Nancy Stoudemire called the meeting to order at 10:01am

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Browning moved that the February 2, 2023, regular meeting be approved, and Gigi Williams seconded. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. Discussion

Old Business:

New Business

Nancy Stoudemire: Will ask Town Council to clarify the start/end term dates.(below)

● Board Members Voted on ORTB (Clarify Terms)

- Voting was unanimous for **Nancy Stoudemire** to fill a one year term as Chair
 - (Term begins Feb 2023 - Dec 2023; board term Dec 2022- Dec 2024)
- Voting was unanimous for **Gigi Williams** to fill a one year term as Vice-Chair (Term begins Feb 2023- Feb 2024; board term ends Feb 2024)
- Voting was unanimous for **Austin Goldman** to fill a 1 year term as Secretary (Term begins Feb 2023 - Dec 2023; board term Dec 2022- Dec 2025)
- Other board members' terms are as follows:
 - Roy Nydorf: Dec 2022- Dec 2024
 - John Browning: Dec 2022-Dec 2025
- Roy Nydorf: Detailed need to Promote our Treasure Trees. Idea of a booklet of all Treasure Trees. There are 10-12 new specimens needing to be measured. Also it is difficult to find the Treasure Trees on the web. Suggested follow up with Ashley to see if the “search” on the

town website can be improved. Perhaps add a tab “Oak Ridge Treasure Trees”. Roy is following a couple of sites on Instagram “Giant Trees”. Will share the sites.

- Incorporate “Arbor Day” activities at: Heritage Day; RidgeFest; Music in the Park; Use Banner.

- **Proposed Budget**
 - \$1,500 (2023-2024 Fiscal year)
 - \$1,105 of previous budget available until June 30,2023. The monies do not “roll over.

- **Park Trees**

Bradford Pear Trees

Terry Lannon: Actively removing Bradford pear trees and other invasive trees/shrubs from park managed properties. Most Bradford pear trees found along the borders of the properties. Treating stumps with a brush killer.

Shumard Oaks (Oak Trees Planted along Linville Road)

-Gigi Williams: Shared map showing plans to add additional shade trees to the interior side of the sidewalk along the Linville Road side of Town Park.

-Team discussed option of having the sidewalk moved further north away from the Duke Power lines (cost approximately \$ 100,000);

-Terry Lannon has a continuing discussion with Duke Power regarding moving 5 poles over closer to Linville Road to reduce the severity of topping to our oak shade trees. Team will continue discussion of best option after Terry hears back from Duke Power regarding details (costs/timing) to move the 5 poles.

-John Browning and extension agent (Ben Grandon) assessed the condition of trees in Town Park. Some scale found on the maples and suitable spray recommended. Recommended planting new trees small trees between existing oaks.

Tree City USA

-Terry Lannon: Heard from a lady that we did not have 2023 Arbor Day plans as required to be a Tree City USA town. We need proof in/on our books. Nancy Stoudemire indicated we have a town proclamation that we are celebrating Arbor Day in the month of April. Nancy will prove a copy of the proclamation to Terry for presentation to the Tree City USA representative.

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5. Roundtable

- *Terry Lannon agreed to prepare the agenda items prior to each monthly scheduled meeting. By Monday of the meeting week, send all agenda items to Terry for compilation.*

Next meeting: April 6,2023 10:00am Oak Ridge Town Hall

6. ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Stoudemire moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:54am Gigi Williams seconded. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0)

Respectfully submitted by:

Austin Goldman, Secretary