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GERMANTOWN TREE BOARD Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Germantown Tree Board Meeting was held in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room, at 2276 West Street.

PRESENT:

Kevin Young – Parks and Rec. liaison
Joseph Keohane - NPC liaison
George Hernandez – Planning liaison
Sidney Kuehn – at large
Michael Shelton – at large
Sarah Goralewski – Planning Staff Liaison

ABSENT:

Clifton Gurley - Beautification Liaison
Paul Bruns-DRC Liaison

Pam Beasley, Staff Liaison
Teresa Martin –Staff Support

Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

The meeting was started at 12:00 pm
A quorum was established with 6 voting members present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve January 10, 2017 minutes

Motioned by: Joseph Keohane

Seconded by: George Hernandez

Motion passed: Yes – 6; No – 0; Abstain-0

Staff Reports: Pam Beasley

Oaklawn Arboretum Project:

- Pam discussed our ribbon cutting will be on April 27th at 4: 00 p.m. the Nature conservancy will be our host that day. Pam asked for all the board members to RSVP to Teresa or Paul Kingsbury when you receive your invitation in the mail. Pam was pleased to announce that we have placed 57 Tree marker signs by the trees that were identified by a certified arborist and we have a map available of all the trees. She added that there are over 200 varieties of azaleas that are not available commercially anymore. Kevin Young requested that the Houston High School utilize the Green House and ask the FFA and Environmental club to propagate the azaleas to preserve the rare species of plants. Pam agreed and asked that the Tree Board reach out to Houston High for their help.

Natural Resource Division:

- We have funding for the full-time Natural Resource Manager and a full-time Park Ranger who will be housed out of the Ranger office. Natural Resource Manager will be under the umbrella of the Parks Department and will be located in the Parks offices. The Natural Resource Manager will take over as the Tree Board Liaison for the Parks Department. The other full-time position will report to the Natural Resource Manager is the Parks Ranger Naturalist. This position will oversee the Park Ranger the division and the Farm Park Division.

The City of Germantown complies with the American with Disabilities Act. Should you need accommodations for this meeting, please call 757-7200 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Parks Master Plan:

- Parks and Recreation is proud to hand out information such as the Purpose, Background, Scope of Work and Selection Process on the Parks master plan process. We will have the Design team on board in May. Pam assured the Board that the Tree Board would be working thru the Parks and Recreation Liaison and GMSD to decide on the property is suited to build new school. Michael Shelton is developing the property for GMSD and has questions about the Tree size and the Vegetation Ordinance. Teresa Martin will send the Board the Vegetation ordinance to refer too. This ordinance will be updated as soon as the Natural Resource Manager is hired. Pam discussed the need for Parks to be part of the School development plan. The Parks Dept and the City fund the maintenance and mowing of the school grounds as well as the park property. In return they allow the Parks Department to operated recreation programs at the school without paying rent.

Announcements:

- TN Conservancy Public Event / Ribbon cutting at Oaklawn Garden to open our Arboretum – Thursday, April 27, 2017
- Kevin Young attended The Chairman's Circle meeting where he represented the Parks and Recreation Commission at City Hall to discuss the future of the Germantown Commissions and Boards Future. The Tree Board was not represented at this meeting. Kevin Young requested that the Tree Board be represented in future meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:50 p.m.