



Zebulon Parks & Recreation Department
Tree Board
August 15th, 2022

The Town of Zebulon Tree Board will hold a meeting on Monday, August 15th, 2022 immediately following the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting begins at 6:00 PM. Both meetings will be held at the Zebulon Town Hall, 1003 N. Arendell Avenue.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment: Public comments are limited to 3 minutes. Anyone wishing to speak must sign up by 5:50 PM. Public comment may be limited to 15 minutes.
4. Consent
 - a. Adoption of Minutes
 - i. February 21st, 2022
5. Presentation
 - a. Environmental Education Programs
6. New Business
 - a. Future Meeting Schedule
7. Open Discussion
8. Staff Update
9. Adjournment



Minutes: Tree Board Meeting February 21st, 2022

The Town of Zebulon Tree Board held a meeting on Monday, February 21st, at 6 PM. The meeting was held at the Zebulon Town Hall, 1003 N. Arendell Avenue.

Board meeting attendance: Genia Newkirk, Brandon Wiggins, Erica Parsons, Dexter Privette, Garrett Underhill, Quinton Taylor

Staff Attendance: Sheila Long, Hannah Hayworth., Amy Hayden, Nick Rummage

Meeting Agenda

10. Call to Order

Start Time: 6:00

Erica Called

11. Approval of Agenda

Erica called for a motion to approve the agenda

1st Brandon

2nd Dexter

Voted all in favor

12. Public Comment: Public comments are limited to 3 minutes. Anyone wishing to speak must sign up by 5:50 PM. Public comment may be limited to 15 minutes.

No public comment

13. Consent

a. Adoption of Minutes

i. October 19th, 2020

Erica called for a motion to adopt the minutes.

1st Brandon

2nd Garrett

Voted all in favor

14. New Business

a. Tree City USA Projects

Sheila explained the urban forestry plans that were brought to the tree board previously. They addressed the kudzu at the Little River Park. We have asked Chris Fry from the NC Forestry Service to come speak about native and non-native plants. Key points from the presentation included:



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- Plants were brought over from other areas, that are now uncontrollable. privets, kudzu, and other thick invasives are to think, dense and cause the native plants to not be successful.
- It is best to select natives when planting or replacing trees. Some good non-natives that are good plants and not invasive, Japanese maple is the example given.
- We want to try to get rid of some of insects, animals that have been introduced that harm the trees.
- Ash trees are not available anymore because of the issue with the beetles. Fire ants have also been imported that change the underground culture.
- We don't want to keep introducing new and crazy things that are uncontrollable.
- "Trees are good" is a good online website resource for information regarding care and other important aspects.
- Climate change has affected the zones, think of the trees down south are coming up north.
- Water run off has changed, new construction has caused this. Water run off has increased significantly.
- Trees that are not native that are okay to plant and are not invasive:
 - Chinese pistachio, Zelocva , flowering cherry, Crepe Myrtle
 - Crepe myrtles can get 100 foot tall if not pruned. They are very common all over our area and are a good option.
- American Holly, Crab apples, and cherry trees could compliment a crepe myrtle
- Native Dogwoods are not recommended anymore. They are not surviving.

b. Future Meeting Schedule

No action required. Next meeting will be held May 16th if there is business to discuss.

15. Open Discussion

No open discussion.

16. Staff Update

a. Earth Day: April 23rd

Amy spoke about the earth day event 10-11. Event will be at the learning garden. The event will get children involved, kids will be able to plant trees and take them home. There will be an educational factor, games, and crafts. FFA wants to come out and help with the program. Sheila gave an update on the kudzu treatments. Wildflower garden after treatments end.

b. Next Tree Board Meeting: May 16th

17. Adjournment

Erica called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

First Brandon

Second Dexter

Voted all in favor

End time-6:43PM



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Topic: Future Meeting Schedule

From: Parks & Recreation Staff
Prepared by: Sheila Long, Parks & Recreation Director
Presented by: Sheila Long, Parks & Recreation Director

Background

The Tree Board is a function of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. To ease scheduling for future meetings, staff recommends that the Tree Board adopt the following staff recommended language to be consistent with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

- All Tree Board meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month as needed and will take place immediately following the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting which is held at 6 PM.

Please note that meetings will only be held if there is business to bring before the Tree Board.

Discussion

The board will discuss and consider the proposed 2022 Tree Board Schedule.

Sample Motion:

- "I make a motion to schedule Tree Board meetings on the third Monday of the month as needed and that they take place immediately following the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting which is held at 6 PM. "