



# Shade Tree Board Meeting

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.  
Development & Engineering Annex**

**Members Present:** Amy Banks, Jo Benjamin, Dale Hughes, Tim Henderson, Will Jones, David May, Dennis Epperson, John Thomason

**Members absent:** Matt Coleman, Milan Blake

**Others in Attendance:** Urban Forester Dan Hartman; Parks and Recreation secretary Karen Stovall; Cleveland Utilities forester Nick Romito, City Council Tom Cassada; Assistant to City Manager Brian Moran

**Called Meeting to Order:** Amy Banks called the meeting to order.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Waive Reading of Minutes:**

Minutes were emailed to members prior to the meeting. **Tim Henderson made a motion to approve the July 24, 2018 meeting minutes. Jo Benjamin seconded the motion. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carries.**

### **Urban Forestry Report:**

Dan Hartman handed out to members his July and August activity reports. Jo Benjamin asked who trimmed the crapees on Ocoee Street. Dan said AT&T did that, their wires run through them.

### **Removal request at 1163 N Ocoee:**

Dan Hartman emailed board members on September 19, 2018 a removal request from Jerome Hammond, owner of property located at 1163 N Ocoee. Request is for five Hackberry trees and is due to residue produced by aphids. Dan stated he found a letter the Board sent in 2012 to another homeowner on Centenary and in that letter we agreed to take the trees out if the homeowner agreed to pay for replacement of removed trees. Tim Henderson stated that we should be consistent and if that's what we did then, we should continue that. Dennis Epperson asked what the difference is in these and the removal request of Hackberry's at the Library. Jo Benjamin said it's different at the Library because those aren't permanent parking spots for someone like it is on Centenary. Will Jones asked what would be put back in? Dan Hartman stated most likely Bosque Elms, 2 ½ inches, approximately 13 feet tall. They cost approximately \$200 each. Dan stated there are actually six trees there and if all six are on Mr. Hammond's property, we will go ahead and do all six for uniform appearance. **Tim Henderson made a motion to extend to homeowner the offer that City will remove the trees if homeowner agrees to pay for replacement of removed trees. Dale Hughes seconded the motion. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carries.**

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Tree Grant:**

Brian Moran took a photo of the check presentation for the TN Dept of Agriculture tree grant that was awarded to the City (\$8,910.00). The trees will be planted in the park behind Blythe Bower. Amy Banks thanked Brian for his help in obtaining the grant.

### **Removal of Library trees:**

Dan Hartman stated he let the library director know that the request was declined and they are working together on the treatment plan.

### **7<sup>th</sup>/Highland trees:**

At the May meeting, Amy Banks mentioned to Dan Hartman there is an open space there that would be great for some trees. At the September meeting, Dan and John Thomason stated they each think there is too much of a sight distance issue to plant something there. Amy asked if Dan could take another look at it because it really looks like we could get something in there.

### **Reports from members:**

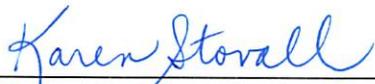
Tim Henderson stated that Nick Romito spoke at a Rotary meeting, educating the public about why Cleveland Utilities trims ROW the way they do, proper tree trimming, and such. He said if anyone knows other groups that would be interested in that kind of presentation, please let them know.

Dennis Epperson stated that as you turn in to Cumberland Hills, the trees to the left, between the power lines and Freewill Road, look awful and asked Tim Henderson if something can be done there, is there something that could be put there that would be more compatible with power lines. Tim stated that they are open to looking at it, but wants to say that in the past, the trees were not being trimmed the way they should have been and now that we have someone that is doing the job properly to get the actual easements that are required, it looks more dramatic than it will once we've been doing this the correct way a couple of years. The trimming can now occur every 3 years, where before they never achieved that goal. Nick Romito commented that there is no tree you can plant that will not eventually interfere with the power lines and have to be trimmed. You can shield the roads or poles, but not power lines.

Jo Benjamin asked about the two maples on Ocoee at corner of 19<sup>th</sup> that were taken out, if any accommodation was made to the homeowner since the trees died because they had been trimmed on so much by Cleveland Utilities. Tim Henderson stated that any time one in the powerline dies because of trimming, CU will remove it and replace it if the homeowner requests it. Jo said she wonders if the homeowner knew that was an option.

Dan Hartman stated next meeting is scheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup>.

No further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:56pm.



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Karen Stovall, Recording Secretary

## Parks, Recreation and Forestry July Activity Report

- Received 28 citizen request about weeds
- Received 15 citizen request about trees
- Received 5 calls for park information
- Received 1 call for Plan Review -
- Performed 30 on-site inspections
- Received 5 storm calls
- Trimmed 225 trees plus Wildwood Ave, Gaut St, Chippewa Ave, Harpo St, Airport Rd, Crest St, Johnson Ave,
- Memorial trees applications - 3
- Removed 8 trees
- Produced 72 cubic yards of woodchips
- Mowed, trimmed, and from street right of ways on Keith, 25<sup>th</sup> street, North Lee, South Lee, APD 40 bypass, Stuart Road, Paul Huff parkway, Greenway, and all city parks
- Collected 339 bags of trash from Parks and street ROW
- Sprayed weeds in cracks in the downtown sidewalks, guardrails, flowerbeds, street islands.
- Mowed Codes violation property – 2705 Blythe road SE, 780 Gaut St.
- Held 1 weekend softball tournaments
- Mowed street ROW – Tennessee Nursery Road, Martin Dr., Mouse Creek Road, Mapleton Dr., Mohawk Dr., Golf Dr., S. Lee Hywy., Old Boyd Farm Road, Pleasant grove Church road, Oak Circle, Pleasant grove trial, Humphrey Bridge Road, Stone lake Road, Mason Road, Circle road, Westland Dr., forest Ridge, Forest Ridge Circle, Victory Dr., 11<sup>th</sup> St, Jacobs St., Hardwick St., Wilson Ave., Winnetawka, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, Wiggins, 16<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, Aurora Ave., Chippewa Ave., 25<sup>th</sup> St, Georgetown road, Westlake Dr., Wildwood, 8<sup>th</sup> St., Gaut St., West railroad, Ellis Circle, Benton Dr., Paul Huff, Gale DR., Royal, Freewill road, villa Dr., Blue Springs Road, Bryant, Old Chattanooga Pike, Kile LN., Smith Dr., Highland Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> St, Harle Ave., McIntire, Edward St., Inman St., 16<sup>th</sup> St., Carolina Ave., Cherry St., Keith St., Guthrie Dr., Little St, Valley Hills trial, MY Vernon Dr., Caywood, 20<sup>th</sup>, West Circle, Michigan Ave, Stuart Road, N. Lee 56<sup>th</sup> St., Benton pike, Durkee Road, Dry Valley Road, Harpo St., Runway Dr., Harper St., Clover, Stuckey, Cree, Sioux, Seminole, Apache trial, Juanita, Hudson, North St., Goode St., Westside, Ocoee St, Farris, Charleston Ave., Blythe Ferry Road, Bow St., Moreland Dr., Ashland Terrace, Overlook Dr., Blueberry Hill Road, 37<sup>th</sup> St., Woodcrest Circle, Chambliss, 24<sup>th</sup> St., 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Ritchey, 15<sup>th</sup> St., David Lewis, Randolph, Crest, Highland, Blount Ave., Parker Ave., Haun Dr., Smith Dr., Arnold, Phillips, Huff, Jones St., Wildwood, 6<sup>th</sup> St., 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Sheeler St., High St., Fair St., 5<sup>th</sup> St., 1<sup>st</sup> St., Lang St., 3<sup>rd</sup> St., 4<sup>th</sup> St., 5<sup>th</sup> St. alley, 9<sup>th</sup> St., 10<sup>th</sup> St., Elrod, McCann Dr., Douglas Circle, 6<sup>th</sup> St., 4<sup>th</sup> St., Short St., Railroad St. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Poplar St., Lang St., 8<sup>th</sup> St., Shepard St., Central Ave., Berry St., east St., Pugh St., old Bates Pike, 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Johnson Blvd, Bates Pike, Lowry St., Old Powerline road, 15<sup>th</sup> St., Pond St., 13<sup>th</sup> St., Lee St., Lois St.,
- Urban Forester attended: Shade Tree Board Meeting

## Parks, Recreation and Forestry August Activity Report

- Received 13 citizen calls for tall weeds
- Received 27 citizen calls for tree related problems
- Received 1 citizen calls for Parks related questions
- Received 1 call pertaining to Plan review
- Storm calls - 5
- Removed 23 trees
- Trimmed 324 trees
- Stumps – 0
- Received 6 requests for Memorial Tree Applications
- Performed 26 on site tree inspections
- Picked 378 bags of trash
- Produced 60 cubic yards wood chips
- Sprayed herbicide on guardrails, alleys, sidewalks, and city owned properties
- Held 1 weekend softball tournaments at Tinsley Park
- Mowed and trimmed street and picked up litter on 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Keith St, APD 40, Paul Huff Parkway, Stuart Road, North Lee Highway, city owned lots, and all city parks.
- Mowed Codes Department vacant lots – 822 Poplar St. NE, 1660 Blythe Ave. SE
- Mowed Street rights of way - Mowed Street Rights of Ways – Industrial Dr., 5<sup>th</sup> St, spring Place road, Dalton Pike, Blackburn road, Meadowbrook, Pleasant grove Church Road, Pleasant Grove trail, Oak Circle, Humphrey Bridge Road, Stone Lake Road, Carolina St, Baugh, 16<sup>th</sup> St, 17<sup>th</sup> St, Maple St, 19<sup>th</sup> St, Clemmer Ave, Cherry St, Hardwick St, greenwood St, Park St, Barnes, 15<sup>th</sup> St, People, 13<sup>th</sup>, Montgomery, 11<sup>th</sup>, Stuart Ave, 14<sup>th</sup> St, 15<sup>th</sup> St, Highland, Brown, Harle, Oak, Jordan, Chambliss, White Sat, Baldwin Sty, Chestnut, Petty, 21<sup>st</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, Ogle, Elrod, Crest St, Crest Dr., Neyman, Northeast, Bazemore, Adkisson, Norman Chapel, Westside, Keith St, 25<sup>th</sup> St, Mouse Creek, Little St, Guthrie Dr., Blythe, 18<sup>th</sup> fisher St, Aurora, 17<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, Winnetawka, Chippewa, 20<sup>th</sup>, Hiwassee, Elm, Gale, Evenside, Pryor, Ramsey, Westview, Ocoee, Charleston, Royal, Volunteer, Lupton, Westland, old Tasso, 37<sup>th</sup>, Harvey, 20<sup>th</sup>, Michigan Ave, Durkee Rd, Benton Pike, Blue Springs, Old Chattanooga Pike, Rebecca, Nancy, Dixie, Jones, Blythe, Bower Ln, Foster, Ridgeview, Lynch, George, Eldridge, Brad, South Ocoee, Kile Ln, Old Chattanooga pike, Blue Springs, Dempsey Circle, Eldridge Lane, easterly Ln, Bryant Dr., Dockery, Blackburn, Linda, Carroll, Rogers, Dr., ginger Circle, Blythe Road, Cliff Dr., woodland, West Lake, Holliday, Linda, Alto Vista, Bobo, Eveningside, Ozark, Tacoma, Davis, Ridgeway, Mt Vernon, Tn. Nursery Road, Georgetown Road, Candies Ln, Rolling Hills, Freewill, Old Freewill, Brookside, Pinecrest, Oakcrest, apple orchard, Cedar Ave, Nance, Walnut Eastview, Villa, Campbell Bridge, North Valley Dr., Saddle Creek, Winding Creek, Singletree Dr., Eldridge Ave, Eldridge Circle, Vance, Lynch Circle, Ridgeview Ave., George Ave., Nell, Adkisson, James Asbury, Bernham Dr., Boatwright Circle, Northview, Logan Dr., Meadow, East Circle, Creek Bend Circle, Cardinal Ln., Brooke dr., Hillview Dr., Windtrace, Vermont, Shire Ln, Mapleton Dr., Mapleton Forest, Wilson, 17<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, Wilson, Wiggins, Hardwick 12<sup>th</sup>, Terrace, Key, Crown, Harrison pike, 11<sup>th</sup>, Elrod, 16<sup>th</sup>, French, Nevin, 9<sup>th</sup>, 146<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, King Edward,
- Urban Forester attended:
  - Shade Tree Board
  - HR Committee Meeting
  - TRPA Management School @ Montgomery Bell State Park

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 9/25/18

**Cleveland Receives Grant for Planting Trees at New Park**

**CLEVELAND, TN** –Members of the Cleveland City Council and Shade Tree Board celebrated the city of Cleveland being selected as a grant recipient under the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture’s Division of Forestry.

The city applied for this competitive grant earlier this year and will receive \$8,910 from the state of Tennessee. The city will match an additional \$8,910 as required in the grant contract with a total of \$17,820 for the project.

Grant funds will be used to enhance tree canopies for shade coverage and landscaping at a new park behind Blythe-Bower Elementary School. Tree planting will begin after November 1, 2018.

“We are thankful the state of Tennessee selected Cleveland as a recipient of this grant, said Mayor Kevin Brooks. “We look forward to partnering with the state by increasing our urban tree canopy while simultaneously creating a new recreational facility for our residents.”



Pictured left to right back row: Will Jones, Tim Henderson, Dan Hartman, Nick Romito, Dennis Epperson, and John Thomason. Pictured left to right front row: Mayor Kevin Brooks, Amy Banks, Councilman Dale Hughes, Jo Benjamin, Councilman David May and Councilman Tom Cassada.

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## Karen Stovall

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**From:** Dan Hartman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018 2:26 PM  
**To:** walkocoeab@yahoo.com; Dale R. Hughes (drh@sonlightllc.com); Dale Hughes; David May; Epperson, Dennis (eppersonhomes@gmail.com); BENS2@bellsouth.net; Matthew Coleman; Milan Blake (Milan.Blake@gmail.com); Wjones@jonesmanagement.com; thenderson@clevelandutilities.com  
**Cc:** Nick Romito (nromito@clevelandutilities.com); John Thomason (thomason167@charter.net); Karen Stovall  
**Subject:** FW: Hackberry Trees at 1163 North Ocoee  
**Attachments:** IMG\_0527.JPG; IMG\_0529.JPG; IMG\_0531.JPG; IMG\_0533.JPG; IMG\_0535.JPG; IMG\_0536.JPG

Below is a request about the Hackberry's on Centenary Ave. I wanted to get you the information before Tuesday's meeting. Attached are some pictures I took of the area around the trees.

See you Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> at Noon

Dan

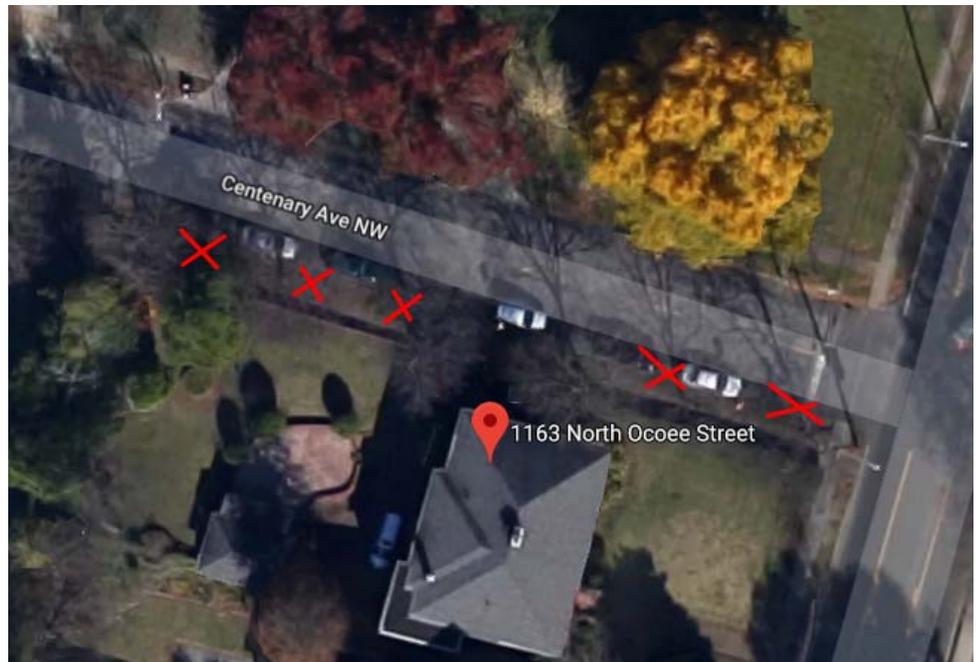
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**From:** Jerome Hammond <072394@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 10:32 AM  
**To:** Dan Hartman <dhartman@clevelandtn.gov>  
**Cc:** Vanessa Hammond <vhammond@leeuniversity.edu>  
**Subject:** Hackberry Trees at 1163 North Ocoee

Dan,

Good morning. This is Jerome Hammond. I live at the corner of Centenary and Ocoee, **1163 North Ocoee**.

I'm writing in regard to the 5 Hackberry trees that line Centenary adjacent to my property, specifically the annual residue produced by the aphids. Over the 15 years we've lived at this address the residue has been more than a simple nuisance, it has caused damage to our trees, grass, and shrubs that are underneath the Hackberries. Last winter I invested in a landscape renovation that is suffering from the aphid excretions.



Can we talk soon about a solution to this ongoing problem? My first preference would be to replace the five trees, with a priority to remove the three running alongside the brick wall, west of my driveway. In the immediate, perhaps we could trim the branches that overhang my property.

Thank you, Dan. My cell is (423) 284-5007.

Jerome Hammond



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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Floyd  
343 Centenary Avenue, NW  
Cleveland, TN. 37311

March 30, 2012

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Floyd,

I am writing to inform you of the decision by the Cleveland Shade Tree Board to your request to have the Hackberry trees growing in the tree lawn area in front of your residence at 343 Centenary Avenue removed. The Shade Tree Board has voted to grant your request if you agree to the following guidelines.

The guidelines are as follows,

- You agree to pay \$125.00 per replacement tree to cover purchase price
- You agree to water the tree for one year, the city will supply tree gator watering bags
- The city will remove the tree and stump
- The city will plant a Bosque Elm tree to replace the Hackberry in all available spaces

The number of trees to be planted at your address is 1 for a total cost of \$125.00. The replacement trees will be ordered upon receipt of your payment and removal of existing trees will begin with delivery of the replacement Bosque Elms.

Please complete and return the enclosed agreement along with the payment to me by April 13, 2012.

The Tree Board feels your acceptance of this offer is an opportunity to resolve the issue with the Hackberry trees and continue to provide a tree lined street to the citizens of Cleveland.

Sincerely,

Dan Hartman, Urban Forester  
City of Cleveland

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the above guidelines set forth by the Cleveland Shade Tree Board permitting the removal of 4 Hackberry tree located within the city of Cleveland right-of-way adjacent to my residence at 373 Centenary Avenue, NW.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Make tree replacement fee check payable to: **Memorial Tree Fund**

Return signed form with payment to: Dan Hartman,  
Cleveland Urban Forester  
P.O. Box 1519  
Cleveland, TN. 37364-1519