



2020 Goal: Adopt-Out/Plant
10,000 Trees
Current Count To-Date:
3,300 Trees

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting of the Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board (TAB) at 6:00 PM, on Thursday, January 12, 2017, in the Leon Valley City Hall Conference Room, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

I. Poll for Attendance and Determination of a Quorum.

- Staff Liaison: Kriste Flores (Present)
- TAB Forester: Mark Kroeze, Alamo Region Urban Forester (Absent)
- Members Present: Irene Baldrige, Thomas Benavides, Denise Berger, Melinda Dawson, Mary Key, and Diana Sarfin
- Members Absent: Amber Mouser and Rich Sarfin

II. Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2016.

- Minutes approved noting that minutes from this date forward will have a running count of trees adopted out/planted to-date in reference to TAB's goal of 10,000 trees by 2020.
 - TAB will try to find a progress "Thermometer" to indicate our goal and tree count. In the meantime, it will be written in the upper right-hand corner of page 1 of the meeting minutes.

III. Discussion and Status of the Fall 2016 Tree Planting in Raymond Rimkus Park as Prescribed by the Tree Planting Plan.

- A total of 100 Crape Myrtles (15 gal.) in Light Pink, Purple, and Red were purchased at a cost of \$5,600.00.
- Leon Valley Public Works planted 32 Crape Myrtles just outside the outfield fence of the ballpark and are half-way completed.
 - There will be a small gap (approximately 8') in the planting scheme due to water lines.
 - Left-over Crape Myrtles will be planted at Silo Park.
- The Mini-Forest in the park is scheduled for planting in the Spring.

IV. Update on 2016 Tree City USA Application and Smart Growth Application.

- Tree City USA application was submitted on 12/31/2016.
 - City spent \$2.81 per capita (award requirement is \$2.00 per capita).

V. Discussion of the Process and Procedure for Oak Wilt Kit use and General Discussion of Oak Wilt Notification and Education.

- Ms. Flores will ask the city attorney to check on liabilities associated with lending out the "Oak Wilt" kit to citizens.
 - A document to lend out the kit with appropriate waiver will have to be developed.
- The following items regarding the lending of the kit were discussed:
 - Valid identification will have to be provided and appropriate documentation will have to be signed.
 - A video on the use of the kit will have to be viewed by user.
 - An instructional handout on the kit will be provided to user.
 - Time limit for the use of the kit will have to be identified.
 - Equipment must be returned clean and functional (no damage).
 - Homeowner will be responsible for purchasing fungicide.
- Data on use of the "Oak Wilt" kit will be filed.

VI. Discussion of Website Updates for TAB Webpage and Links.

- The following items will be posted on the TAB webpage:
 - Tree pruning companies registered in Leon Valley with appropriate disclaimer.
 - TAB event photos.
 - Planting and "Oak Wilt" treatment photos.

VII. Future Agenda Items.

- Create more opportunities for Tree Education.

- Earthwise Living Day will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 (9:00 AM to 1:00PM). In addition to adopting out 500 trees, TAB will provide maps indicating the areas in Leon Valley affected by "Oak Wilt".

- Neighborwood Program.

- Other Topics

VIII. Adjourn.

- Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

- The next meeting of the TAB is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2017, at 6:00 PM, in the Leon Valley City Hall Conference Room.

Denise O Berger

Chairperson