I. Call to Order

II. Welcome New Member Brandon Ayers

III. Old Business
   a. Tree Board Officer Position
   b. Earth Week 2020

IV. New Business
   a. Wildlife Weekend: October 2020
   b. Arboretum updates
   c. Fall educational opportunities

V. Staff Comments

VI. Board Comments

VII. Adjourn

Next Meeting – 19 October 2020 at the Nature Center(?
Tree City USA Board Minutes  
13 January 2020

**Present:** Mendy Bechtold, M.C. Bullock, David Hacker, Jean Lusardi, Karen McSharry, Mary Lou Sproles

**Absent:** Susan Tanner

**City Staff:** Jeremy Stout

I. **Call to Order**- Meeting called to order by Jean Lusardi at 5:02 pm

II. **Approval of October 21, 2019 Minutes**- the board made several additions to the minutes and voted to approve them as amended.

III. **Welcome New Member Mendy Bechtold**- Mendy introduced herself followed by the rest of the board.

IV. **Old Business**
   A. **Community engagement**- Jean brought up the possibility of placing QR codes on downtown trees as interactive educational opportunities. Placing educational facts in the quarterly utility bill newsletter was discussed. It was brought to the board’s attention that the Bristol Herald Courier incorrectly states that the board meets monthly.

V. **New Business**
   A. **Tree Board Officer Position**- Jeremy suggested the election of a board secretary to keep minutes since the departure of the other City staff-member. David volunteered and the board unanimously voted in favor, effective 20 April 2020.
   B. **Earth Week 2020**- Jeremy brought up the citywide Earth Week initiative coordinated by Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park and invited the board to participate. Jean let the board know details about the upcoming first meeting. Arbor Day will be included as part of the event.

VI. **Staff Comments**- Jeremy mentioned recent storm damage in Steele Creek Park and asked the board for possible presentation topics for Tree Keepers 2020.

VII. **Board Comments**- Karen suggested the possibility of filming Tree Keepers and making it available to the public after the program.

VIII. **Adjourn**- Meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.