

**Bristol Tennessee Tree City USA Board Minutes**  
**April 19th, 2021**  
Via Zoom

**Present:**

Mendy Bechtold                      Mary Lou Sproles                      Jean Lusardi                      Karen McSharry

**Absent:**

M.C. Bullock                      David Hacker                      Brandon Ayers

**City Staff:**

Jeremy Stout

**I. Call to Order**

A. Meeting called to order by Jean Lusardi at 5:10 pm.

**II. Approval of January 11, 2021 Minutes**

A. Karen McSharry noted a misspelling of her name in the minutes and made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mary Lou Sproles seconded. All approved.

B. Jean brought up boardmember absences and enquired about upcoming term expirations. Jeremy said he would send the board the complete list of members and their terms.

**III. Old Business**

A. **Ash death/new plantings at nature center** – Jeremy informed the board about Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park’s efforts to reforest gardens affected by ash die-off at the Nature Center, and that plans for short- and long-term canopy introduction are in place.

B. **TN Tree Day 2021** – Jeremy updated the board about the 2021 tree distribution at Steele Creek Park. Jean asked if volunteer help from the board had been requested and Jeremy advised that participation was low and distribution occurred with in-house staff.

**IV. New Business**

A. **Tree City USA 2020** – Jeremy informed the board of 2020 recertification and that it was Bristol’s 33<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year for the award.

B. **Arbor Day – April 30<sup>th</sup> 2021, Fairmount (MS Teams)** – Jeremy invited the board to virtual Arbor Day with Fairmount Elementary at 1:00 pm on Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>, and advised that the virtual invitation would come early next week.

**V. Staff Comments**

Jeremy informed the board of his satisfaction with serving as *ex officio* with them and complimented their character. Jeremy discussed recent additions to the Park apiary.

**VI. Board Comments**

Jean suggested the possibility of an in-person July meeting and Karen requested a tour of the apiary Mary Lou Sproles agreed.

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**VII. Adjourn**

- A. Jean Lusardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 pm.

Next Meeting – 19 July 2021, location and format to be determined.