

# Bristol Tennessee Tree City USA Board

## Minutes

May 21, 2018

**Present:** M.C. Bullock David Hacker Mary Lou Sproles  
Jean Lusardi Susan Tanner

**Absent:** Karen McSharry

**Staff:** April Norris Jeremy Stout Mike Musick

**I. Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 5:07 pm by Jean Lusardi.

**II. Approval of February 19, 2018 Minutes** – Susan Tanner made the motion to approve the minutes. Mary Lou Sproles seconded the motion. Motion carried, minutes approved.

### **III. Old Business**

**A. Nature Center Volunteer Opportunities-** Jeremy spoke about the opportunities available to volunteer at the Nature Center with the Friends of Steele Creek Park.

**B. Nature Center Expansion Tour-** Postponed

**C. Downtown Tree Study – State Street Tree Removal** – Jeremy advised the various types of trees being planted back.

#### **D. 2018 Event Dates**

- i. **Tree keepers-** Tree keepers had a record number of participants. The venue and speakers were great.
- ii. **Arbor Day Celebration-** Went well and two trees were actually planted. Jeremy advised that both were redbuds.
- iii. **250K Trees in TN-** Nature Center gave out almost one thousand.

### **IV. New Business**

**A. Shoreline Tree Grant** – This is grant provided 1800 trees. Some of the trees were planted by staff in downtime and the remained were planted the last of the trees.

**V. Staff Comments** – Jeremy shared with the group the Mr. Lovett donated 52 acres to Steele Creek Park.

**VI. Board Comments** – Jean Lusardi ask if it would be possible to do something as far as signage for the downtown trees. Jeremy mentioned doing something like QR codes, he advised that he would look into it.

**VII. Meeting adjourned-** The motion was made by Jean Lusardi to adjourn the meeting at 5:27pm. The motion was seconded by Susan Tanner. Motion carried.