

BERRYVILLE TREE BOARD
Berryville-Clarke County Government Center
MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
June 7, 2017

The organizational meeting of the Berryville Tree Board was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Berryville – Clarke County Government Center located at 101 Chalmers Court in Berryville, Virginia.

ATTENDANCE: Members present: Julie Abrera, Kathy Birch, J. Bryant Condrey, Sharon Strickland

Member absent: Kara Rodriguez

Staff present: Christy Dunkle, Assistant Town Manager/Planner

Others present: Mayor Patricia Dickinson

Press present: Cathy Kuehner, Winchester Star

Ms. Dunkle called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Dunkle said that at the beginning of each year or the first meeting of a new committee, an organizational meeting will take place to elect officers. The Board members introduced themselves. Mayor Dickinson said she is not a member of the committee but will attend the meetings. She referenced the ordinance that was adopted in 2007 and said that the organization of a Tree Board enables localities to obtain Tree City USA designation. She discussed the structure of the Board and ordinance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Condrey volunteered to be Chair of the Committee. Mrs. Strickland volunteered to be Vice Chair. Committee members voted to elect Mr. Condrey and Mrs. Strickland to their respective office.

REVIEW OF ORDINANCE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Board members reviewed the ordinance. Ms. Abrera told members that she is also on the board of Berryville Main Street and indicated there would be overlap between planned Main Street efforts and the Tree Board's tasks.

Mayor Dickinson recommended coordinating with the Department of Public Works and with churches in the community. There was a discussion about maintenance of trees and Town Code regulations.

IDENTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Ms. Dunkle said she included a map of property owned by the Town of Berryville. Mayor Dickinson said that the Page Street median should be a priority. There was a discussion about identifying all current and potential medians. Chair Condrey referenced heat islands and the importance of shade on roads and sidewalks.

MEETING SCHEDULE

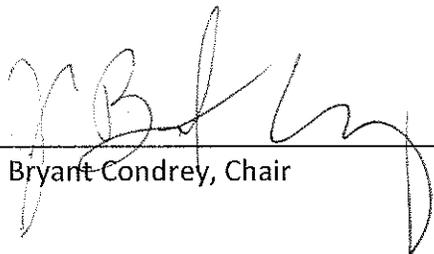
It was determined that the Board would meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm for the first few months to organize efforts. Chair Condrey recommended that each of the members send ideas for the mission, vision, and goals of the Board to staff to discuss at the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 5 at 7:30pm.

OTHER

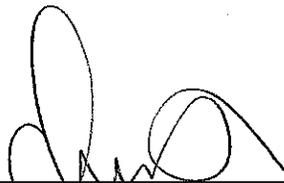
Ms. Strickland said that she is a media specialist and encouraged an educational component to the Board's efforts. Ms. Strickland discussed designing a forest to honor those in the military and identify trees to honor respective members of the military.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Ms. Abrera made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Birch, the motion passed by voice vote at 8:15pm.



J. Bryant Condrey, Chair



Christy Dunkle, Recording Secretary