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**BERRYVILLE TREE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.
Berryville-Clarke County Government Center
101 Chalmers Court – **AB Meeting Room** – Second Floor
Berryville, Virginia

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** – Bryant Condrey, Chair
2. **Approval of Minutes** – May 2, 2018
3. **Discussion - Virginia Big Trees**
4. **Other**
5. **Adjourn**

Patricia Dickinson
Mayor

Harry Lee Arnold, Jr.
Recorder

Donna Marie McDonald
Ward 1

Council Members
Allen Kitselman, III
Ward 2

Erecka L. Gibson
Ward 3

David L. Tollett
Ward 4

Keith R. Dalton
Town Manager

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MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2018

A meeting of the Berryville Tree Board was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Berryville – Clarke County Government Center located at 101 Chalmers Court in Berryville, Virginia.

Attendance: Members present: Bryant Condrey, Kathy Birch, Howard Morrison, Kara Rodriguez

Member absent: Sharon Strickland

Staff present: Christy Dunkle, Assistant Town Manager/Planner

Press present: None

Chair Condrey called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 4, 2018 meeting were approved by consensus.

Tree Planting Event, Saturday, May 5, 2018

Members discussed the tree planting event that will be held at 11:00am in Rose Hill Park. Board members discussed tasks for the event including printing literature to have available at the table in the Farmers' Market, contacting River's Edge to obtain the tree for the raffle, and contacting Farmers' Market managers to assure the event is posted on their social media posts.

Other

As Ms. Rodriguez was elected to Town Council, she said she would be resigning from the Tree Board effective July 1. There was a discussion about Bradly Braithwaite's pollinator project. Chair Condrey updated Mr. Morrison on Tree Board activities. Ms. Rodriguez recommended reengaging with Berryville Main Street to coordinate the Hogan's Alley project.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Ms. Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Birch, the motion passed by voice vote at 7:46pm.

Bryant Condrey, Chair

Christy Dunkle, Recording Secretary

Chair Condrey would like to discuss options for protecting big trees through the Virginia Big Trees program (<http://bigtree.cnre.vt.edu/index.html>). The following information on the program is from the web site.

Who we are

The Virginia Big Tree Program began as a 4-H and FFA project in 1970. Today the program is coordinated by the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation at Virginia Tech. We are a passionate community of tree enthusiasts that includes Virginia Tech faculty and staff, Virginia Cooperative Extension staff, and numerous individual and organizational volunteers from around the state. Our mission is to increase the care and appreciation for all trees – big and small – and educate the Commonwealth about the value of trees and forests.

What we do

The Virginia Big Tree Program maintains a register of the 5 largest specimens of over 300 native, non-native, and naturalized tree species. The register includes information about each tree's size, location, and unique characteristics. Each tree must be re-certified every 10 years to maintain its status in the register. The Virginia Big Tree Program is affiliated with the National Big Tree Program, which is administered by American Forests. Virginia has consistently ranked among the top-five states for national champion trees.

The web site also offers information including tree lifespans; tree protection (e.g., threats from storms and lightning, construction, and land disturbance); and a resource list for additional information.

Recommendation

Discuss at the meeting.