

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CLEVELAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

CLEVELAND TREE BOARD

February 10, 2022

**Members present:** Mary Anna Davis, Betsy Abraham, Adolph Hilliard, Myrtis Tabb, Laura Giaccaglia

Guests present were Cade Holder and Will Young

Chair Myrtis Tabb called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

After review of the minutes of the January 2022 meeting, Betsy Abraham made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Adolph Hilliard seconded the motion. The vote of approval was unanimous.

**Budget Review**

The Beautification Commission reviewed the Budget; there was no activity from the last meeting. Myrtis reminded everyone that the commission will be spending a good bit of funds as spring approaches. She noted that it is good that the commission has been cautious with spending so far.

**Old Business**

1. There are several volunteers who would like to purchase trees for the Beautification Commission. This will be especially important when it is time to replace the crepe myrtles along Court Street. A list of these names along with contact information will be created and kept on file.

**New Business**

1. Myrtis Tabb introduced Will Young, who is president of the Student Government Association at Delta State University. Myrtis also thanked Cade Holder for submitting the proposal to Keep MS Beautiful, which could potentially award us with \$5000.00 for our "Clean Up". The Big Green Event will serve as our Clean Up Day. Cleveland Beautification Commission/Cleveland Tree Board, Team Cleveland, the Chamber, City of Cleveland, and Bolivar County Extension Service will assist in order to help make the Big Green Event a success. 200 students will work for four hours on April 23 and the in-kind labor provided will help match the funding requirement for the grant.

Will gave his presentation on the Big Green Event and a flyer is on file with the minutes. There is an application on file for those individuals who are seeking help with a clean up project. No ladders or power tools will be used by the students. Also, the projects must be within the city limits. The Big Green Event is focusing on the city, because they want people to know that "DSU Cares About You". Applications are due on or before March 18, 2022.

Discussion of how this will be advertised took place. There was a concern that some people may not see the flyer or be able to use the QR code to access the application. Will explained that

