

# ROCK HILL TREE COMMISSION

## MINUTES

For the meeting of

August 12, 2024  
Operations Center Room 132

### Members Present

Joshua Nypaver (Vice-Chair)  
Elden LeBrun  
Robert Carter  
Jarvis Miller  
Jan McCoy  
Tim Gillette  
Hope Matthews

### Members Absent

### Staff

Matt Clinton

### Others

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

### READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 12, 2024, were approved.

### FORESTER'S REPORT

Matt gave a summary of the Forester's report for July.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Matt reported on the tree initiatives that are planned in the storm hit grant eligible areas. Matt, Jarvis, Jan, Hope met with Crawford Rd, Hagins/Fewell, Flint Hill/South Central with 26 total in attendance not including staff and council members. Thirty percent of those attended signed up for future engagement about having a tree planted on their property. Board discussed the broad range of viewpoints and comments made during these meetings. Some viewpoints included their displeasure with planting trees while trees still needed to be cleaned up on private properties. It was explained in the meetings the grant money was asked for well in advance of the storm that occurred. It was decided, based on feedback the tree planting and tree giveaways had to include educational components. It was also decided the program would allow 1 tree per address. (It was later discussed on email and changed up to 5 trees due to the costs per tree after performing site evaluations).

### NEW BUSINESS

Matt is to reach out to the school district about the upcoming Arbor Day event on December 6th. Board voted to keep Hope as Chair and Josh as Vice Chair. Motion made and approved.

### OPEN FLOOR

### ADJOURN

A motion was made and approved to adjourn at 6:09pm.