

**CITY OF CONWAY  
TREE BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2023**

Present: Jacqueline Kurlowski, McKenzie Jordan, Autry Benton, Jamie McLain, Troy Roehm,  
Duc Watts

Absent: Gerry Wallace

Staff: Jessica Hucks, Planning Director; Katie Dennis, Planning Concierge; Wanda Lilly, City  
Arborist; Jeff Levellie, IT

Other: Charles Kemper

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jordan called the meeting to order at approximately 4:21 p.m.

**II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Jordan opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Benton nominated McLain. McLain denied the nomination. Watts nominated Wallace for Chair.

Jordan opened the floor for nomination for Vice Chairman. Benton nominated Roehm. Kurlowski moved to close nominations. Jordan closed nominations.

Jordan called for a vote on the nomination of Wallace for Chairman and Roehm for Vice Chairman. The vote was unanimous.

Vice Chairman Roehm presided over the remainder of the meeting in the absence of Chairman Wallace.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Benton made a motion to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Watts to approve the April 12, 2023 minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

**IV. TREE MITIGATION REQUESTS**

- A. **1841 Spivey Ave-** The applicant, Charles Kemper, requests approval to remove a Landmark Live Oak Tree from the property located at 1841 Spivey Ave (PIN 368-02-03-0133).

Hucks stated the tree in question is a *Quercus virginiana* (Live Oak) with a D.B.H. of 50-inches. The tree is a Landmark Live Oak that is located in the middle left of the parcel. The tree has been

struck by lightning in the past. Due to this, the majority of the tree's limbs are dead and the remainder are dying. The lot is proposed to be developed (residential). The tree will not recover from the lightning strike(s), as there are no maintenance and/or cultural methods that can correct the issue.

The arborist recommends removal of the tree.

Hucks Stated that the applicant, Charles Kemper, was present to answer any questions.

The board and staff discussed the appeal in length.

Jordan made a motion that the tree be removed with no mitigation requirements. McLain seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**V. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**VI. BOARD INPUT**

Jordan asked Wanda, City Arborist, for an update on the Dollar General mitigation progress discussed at the last meeting. Wanda Advised. Staff and the board discussed possible substitutions for the applicant.


**VII. STAFF INPUT**

None

**VIII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approx. 4:27 p.m. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion carried.

Approved and signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

  
Gerry Wallace, Chairperson