

TOWN OF JONESBOROUGH
Town Hall Board Room
123 Boone Street
Jonesborough, TN 37659

MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, October 27th, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Members of the public wishing to speak concerning any item on the agenda during the Public Comment period must sign up by calling the Town Administrative Office at (423)-753-1030 with their name, address, and subject about which they wish to speak no later than 2 hours before the meeting if the meeting occurs during normal business hours or by 4:45 p.m. the day of the meeting if the meeting occurs after hours. Otherwise, such members of the public must sign in at the location of the meeting, prior to the beginning of the meeting, by seeing the secretary or staff of the board.

Each individual shall be given three (3) minutes to address the Board regarding Agenda Items. Comments shall be limited to items on the meeting's agenda.

The Jonesborough Tree and Townscape Board will meet at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026, in the Board Room at Town Hall, 123 Boone Street, Jonesborough, TN, to consider the following agenda:

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of Tuesday, September 22nd 2026, Minutes
4. Requested Change of Meeting Time
5. International Storytelling Center Preliminary Landscape Plan
6. Arboretum Clean Up



TREE & TOWNSCAPE COMMITTEE

AGENDA PRESENTATION

DATE: October 27th , 2026

AGENDA ITEM #:

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SUBJECT: Tuesday September 22nd , 2026, Meeting Minutes

Town of Jonesborough

Tree and Townscape Board

Meeting Minutes for September 22nd , 2026

The Jonesborough Tree and Townscape Board met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 25th, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room at Town Hall, Jonesborough, Tennessee.

Present: Teresa Smith, Lori Rosenoff, Melinda Copp, Goeffrey Hoare, Nancy Kavanaugh.

Staff: Sunny Ezell, Chris Kudera

Absent: Virginia Kennedy, Josh Conger, Sue Henley, Terry Countermin.

Nancy Kavanaugh called the meeting to order at 10:36 AM, noting that a quorum was present.

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 3: September 22nd meeting minutes were presented. Melinda Copp made a motion to approve them as presented. It was seconded by Lori Rosenoff and duly passed.

Agenda Item 4: ECU Landscape plans were presented. A motion to approve plans was made by Geoffery Hoare, seconded by Lori Teresa Smith and duly passed.

Agenda Item 5: The Landscape Manual Draft was presented to the board for review and comments. Recommendations for additions or changes were requested to be sent to Sunny on or before Tuesday, October 13th.

Agenda Item 6: Sunny updated the board on Brightridge Park advancements and tentative completion date.

Agenda item 7: Arboretum Clean Up date was suggested; event was unfortunately canceled due to scheduling conflict.

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Cavanaugh at 10:46 am.



TREE & TOWNSCAPE COMMITTEE

AGENDA PRESENTATION

DATE: October 27th, 2026

AGENDA ITEM #: 4

SUBJECT: Requested Change of Meeting Time

Background:

A few members of the Tree and Townscape Board have expressed interest in changing the current meeting time to a later morning time or an evening meeting to better accommodate members' schedules.

Recommendation:

After gathering feedback from all Board members, it is my recommendation that the Tree and Townscape Board vote to retain the current meeting time, as it appears to accommodate most members as effectively as possible



TREE & TOWNSCAPE COMMITTEE

AGENDA PRESENTATION

DATE: October 27th, 2026

AGENDA ITEM #: 5

SUBJECT: International Storytelling Center Preliminary Landscape Plans

Background:

The International Storytelling Center (ISC), located in the heart of downtown Jonesborough, had several well-loved but problematic mature river birch trees removed. The trees presented multiple maintenance and safety concerns, including root upheaval that displaced bricks along walkways and staircases, encroachment into the roadway, and debris and branches accumulating and impacting the roof of the ISC. Their removal was necessary to mitigate these issues and help protect the surrounding infrastructure while maintaining safe and accessible public spaces.

The removal of these trees also creates an opportunity for the Town of Jonesborough to replant the area with trees and plant materials better suited to the space. Selecting more appropriate species will allow the Town to enhance the appearance of this prominent downtown location while reducing future maintenance concerns, minimizing infrastructure conflicts, and preserving the beauty and character of the historic downtown district.

Recommendation:

It is my recommendation that the board vote to approve spring planting of native groundcover perennials and native upright perennials that do not exceed 2' in height including Echinacea, Coreopsis, Penstemon, Phlox, and Amsonia. By selecting plant varieties that do not exceed 2' we will not need to be concerned about plants growing too large and falling into roadways or walkways or causing any problems created by the aforementioned removed trees. The variety of flowering plants listed above will also

provide season-long interest and color, creating a full appearance. Due to supply, cost, required site preparation and current season, waiting till late March/ early April will give us time to prepare properly, source cost effective plant material and be a better time of year for plant success.



TREE & TOWNSCAPE COMMITTEE

AGENDA PRESENTATION

DATE: October 27th, 2026

AGENDA ITEM #: 6

SUBJECT: Arboretum Updates

Background:

I apologize for cancelling the previously scheduled Arboretum cleanup. An urgent commitment arose that prevented me from dedicating the necessary time and attention to the event on the planned Saturday.

I am currently looking into a later date to reschedule the fall cleanup. In the meantime, my coworkers and I continue to make progress on the Arboretum restoration during the workweek, removing debris and unwanted plant material as our schedules allow. We remain committed to improving the space and look forward to continuing this work with the help of volunteers in the future.