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CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, January 24, 2016
5:30 PM
Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Lauren Copple, Samuel Wimsett, and Jason Grossman.
ABSENT:	Robert Willcoxon, Gregg Wilkerson
GUESTS:	Mike McDaniel, Arborist Marilyn Ponder, Empire Gary Shaw, Liaison
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Jason Grossman called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Samuel Wimsett made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Jason Grossman.
OLD BUSINESS:	Mike told the board that the city arborist position was cut but he will still do city arborist duties when he has the time away from his new job duties. He mentioned that he met with Gina Simmons from Code Enforcements to assess high risk trees identified in the tree inventory of 2016. They agreed on the trees that need to be removed that were recommended removals on the highest risk rating from the tree inventory. Mike said he hasn't heard if letters have been sent out to home owners. He said that we have a lot of trees for the giveaway for residents that live in the tornado area. Mike said that the TRIM Grant was approve from MDC to finish the tree inventory. (Attached) The

lowest bidder for the project was Arbor Pro and they will begin the inventory in February.

The tree trimming project that we did in November went really well and hope to do it again this year. Mike also said he did a small TV segment on poison ivy. He said he was hoping to do a small segment monthly with KSN but he hasn't heard back from them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike asked the board if they have any projects they would like to see done this year. He told them to think about it and bring the ideas to the next meeting. He said he thinks it would be a good idea to have the Public Works Director attend a meeting so we can make sure the Tree Board stays involved in street projects. Jon said he thinks we should do more hands on projects in the parks. Lauren said it might be a good idea to team up with Safety Night Out with the Police Department. They host the event at Cunningham Park in the summer time.

Mike told the board that he would like to start having meetings every other month instead of monthly. The board agreed.

Marilyn talked to the board about Arbor Day. The event will be April 7, 2017 from 11am-3pm. (Attached) Mike mentioned it is a great event and hopes all the Tree Board members will make an appearance.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADJOURNEMENT:

Samuel Wimsett made a motion to adjourn, second by Lauren Copple.

Nakia Osborne, Accounting Specialist

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