Approved

CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, January 26, 2016
5:30 PM
Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Kay Fauss, Jason Grossman, Gregg Wilkerson, and Samuel Wimsett.
ABSENT:	Robert Willcoxon
GUESTS:	Mike McDaniel, Arborist Jon Skinner
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Gregg Wilkerson called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Gregg Wilkerson made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Jason Grossman.
OLD BUSINESS:	Mike mentioned that he has suggested making changes to the Mercy Park. He told the board that it is going to be a passive park with a pond, walking trails and a shelter. As a cost of saving measure the caliper size will be reduced from 2 ½ to 1 ½. It is possible that the total number of trees might also be reduced. They were planning on planting around 462 trees and he suggested reducing it down to arounds 313 trees. Mike said he was still trying to get in touch with someone from KSN to see if we could do the monthly tree segments to keep residents informed on what they need to do with their tree during that time of year. The board asked Mike if he could find out what ever happened with the Ordinance for the Tree List and also about the 4 ft. planting from street to sidewalk. Mike said he would get in touch with the City Clerks. Gregg also mentioned that he would get in touch with a Council member and see if he can have a meeting

with them to touch base on what direction the tree board would like to see things moving.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike told the board that he is trying to stay more active on the Tree Board Facebook page. He said he noticed more people following the page since he is trying to keep it more active. He also told the board that if they are interested in helping post tree stuff on the page to let him know.

Mike handed out Tree City USA application for 2014 and 2015. (Attached)

Mike mentioned that he got three bids for the tree inventory funded by a TRIM (Tree Resource Improvement & Maintenance) grant from MDC. The grant will pay for the company to come out and do a full assessment on City trees and the valuation of each tree. The tree assessment will then be entered into a software and can be GPS. Mike said the arborist with Plan-It GEO has already finished the tree assessments at Schifferdecker Park and the Golf Course. If you go to pg.cloud.com/Joplin it will take you to the website and see what trees have already been inventoried. He has already inventoried about 960 trees.

Mike told the board that he appreciated them filling out the questions that was emailed to them and after looking over the boards answers he feels like there were some good answers that will help the board move forward in the future. (Attached)

Gregg mentioned he would still like to have a liaison for the Tree Board even if the liaison attended a meeting quarterly. Mike also agreed and said he would find out what steps we need to follow to try and get a City Council liaison to attend the board meetings.

Jon Skinner mentioned that he is having training on February 17, March 14, and March 15 if any of the member would like to attend. Jason also mentioned for the new member to go to TreeboardU.org because it has a lot of good information.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNEMENT:

Jason Grossman made a motion to adjourn, second by Kay Fauss.

Nakia Osborne, Senior Clerk