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JOPLIN PARKS
& RECREATION

CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
5:30 PM
Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Kay Fauss, Jason Grossman, and Gregg Wilkerson.
ABSENT:	Robert Willcoxon and Samuel Wimsett
GUESTS:	Mike McDaniel, Arborist Jon Skinner
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Gregg Wilkerson called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Jason Grossman made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Kay Fauss.
OLD BUSINESS:	Mike mentioned that his suggestion for Mercy Park did get approved. They are reducing the caliper size of the trees from 2 ½ to 1 ½. The total number of trees also was not reduced they will still be planting around 462 trees. They will also have a section that will only be short leaf pine trees. Mike said they will not be planting any Red Maple trees out there because they require heavy maintenance and that is a tree that are over planted so they wanted something different in the park. Mike told the board that he has did some research on the expanded Tree Ordinance and the Tree List. He said it looks the like the tree list did get approved and is in the ordinance but it looks the rest of the Ordinance just got put on hold. He suggested that since it's been put on hold the board review it again and make any changes before moving forward with it.

Gregg mentioned that he got in touch with Council member Gary Shaw. He and Jon met with him to make him aware of what the Tree Board is trying to do and what they would like to see for the future. Jon talked to Gary about the sidewalk project in the tornado zone and encouraged him to use Mike as an asset for his knowledge. After the meeting, Gregg received and email from Gary and he seemed interested in the information they had given him in their meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike mentioned the tree inventory funded by a TRIM (Tree Resource Improvement & Maintenance) grant from MDC is going well. Mike said the arborist with Plan-It GEO has already finished the tree assessments at Schifferdecker Park, the Golf Course and Cemeteries. He has already inventoried 5,000 trees. If you go to pg.cloud.com/Joplin it will take you to the website and see what trees have already been inventoried.

Gregg mentioned he would still like to have a liaison for the Tree Board. Mike also agreed and said we should wait until after April elections.

Mike mentioned that he and Gregg did a radio interview with KZRG. They thought it went really well. Gregg said he tried talking about volunteers and about what the tree board is trying to do. They also mentioned about the City Tree Board Facebook page to get people aware of the page.

Mike asked the board if they could remember back in 2013 why the city hired a consultant from Olsson. He said Olsson this past summer has contacted Public Works to have a follow up meeting and Mike was invited. Jon said the City hired Olsson to review site triangles. Mike said that he felt that the project didn't go anywhere and he would like to move forward with them.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNEMENT:

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

Nakia Osborne, Senior Clerk