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CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017
5:30 PM
Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Lauren Copple, Jason Grossman, Robert Willcoxon, Gregg Wilkerson.
ABSENT:	Samuel Wimsett
GUESTS:	Mike McDaniel, Arborist Gary Shaw, Liaison Paul Bloomberg, Parks Director 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 Lauren Copple.
OLD BUSINESS:	Mike told the board that we had some issues with the tree inventory. Arbor Pro was the lowest bidder but wanted to use their own software. It was in the RFP that they had to use the software that we already have purchased. We will move forward with the second bidder which will be Davey. They will start the tree inventory next week. We got an extention for the grant but the project has to be done by June 5th. Arbor Day is Friday, April 7th at Landreth Park. Mike said he is meeting with Marlyn Ponder with Empire tomorrow to work on the agenda for the event. Jason said some students from Jefferson Elementary will be attending the event to read a poem on trees. Mike mentioned that he has 120 trees to give away.

Mike also mentioned that he has heard an unconfirmed report that the letters have been sent out for the high risk trees that have been inventoried. 46 trees were high risk trees on streets. He went out with Code Enforcement and they were the ones sending out the letter. It is home owner's responsibility to remove the trees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike told the board that Gregg's term on the board is up but will stay on the board until council approves new members in June. This is Gregg's second term so he will have to be off the board for a year and then can reapply to be back on the board if he is interested.

Mike said since Gregg will be leaving the board we will need to vote new Chair and Vice Chair members. Gregg nominated Jason to be chairman, 2nd by Robert, all yea. Jason then nominated Robert to be vice chairman, 2nd by Lauren, all yea.

Mike asked the board to be thinking of some fundraising projects that they might be able to do this year. Paul explained "Friends of the Park" to the board. That way the money donated can go toward a Tree Board project and the Park Board is the board that oversees the account.

Mike mentioned that they have had some trouble with the landscaping at Mercy Park. It was supposed to be done May 22, 2016 and it is still not complete. It is about 96% of the way done. He marked all the trees that needed replaced because they were already died since they are still under warranty. He spoke to the contractor and he says the project will be complete in two weeks.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADJOURNEMENT:

Lauren Copple made a motion to adjourn, second by Jason Grossman.

Nakia Osborne, Accounting Specialist