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JOPLIN PARKS
& RECREATION

CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Robert Willcoxon, Kay Fauss, Jason Grossman, and Gregg Wilkerson.
ABSENT:	Samuel Wimsett
GUESTS:	Mike McDaniel, Arborist Jon Skinner
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Gregg Wilkerson called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Kay Fauss made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Jason Grossman.
OLD BUSINESS:	Mike mentioned the tree inventory funded by a TRIM (Tree Resource Improvement & Maintenance) grant from MDC went well. Mike said the arborist with Plan-It GEO inventoried 7,800 trees. Mike said out of that amount he suggested that 213 trees on the streets and about 200 trees in the parks get replaced. He told the board to check out the website pg.cloud.com/Joplin. He also told the board that he got a management plan with the grant. Plan-It GEO will give him suggestions on what they recommend for the next 5 years. Mike is hoping to have this by the end of the week and will send it to the board to review. 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 we put this on hold until we get a few other things that the board is working on completed.

Mike talked to the board about the street sidewalks and said they really need to do something before the plans are finalized. We need to make sure the sidewalks are planned out so they don't interfere with the tree roots that will only cause problems in a few years. Jon showed a PowerPoint he has been working on that he can also present to council. Scott suggest that the board take this information to the Park Board next month. He also told the board that he would get Troy Bolander's thoughts about the sidewalk project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gregg said he heard that the board would be getting a liaison. Scott mentioned that they had to vote at City Council to get a liaison for the board. He said it got approved at the Monday council meeting but he is unsure when they will start attending the meeting or who the liaison will be.

Scott told the board that the he has been working on getting "Friend of the Park" reinstated. This will be good way for people to donate money to the parks.

Jason told the board that Arbor Day will be Friday, April 29. It will be at Landreth Park from noon-3 and he would like to see all the board members there.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADJOURNEMENT:

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

Nakia Osborne, Senior Clerk