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JOPLIN PARKS & RECREATION

CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Samuel Wimsett, Kay Fauss, Jason Grossman, and Gregg Wilkerson.
ABSENT:	Robert Willcoxon
GUESTS:	Mike McDaniel, Arborist Jon Skinner Marilyn Ponder, Empire Scott Garrie, Parks and Recreation Director
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 told the board that he thought attending the Park Board meeting went well at the beginning of the month. He told the Tree Board members that were not able to attend they went to Park Board to get there support on the Right-of-Way tree project that Public Works is working on. Jason asked Scott if the Right-of-Ways fell under the Parks Department. Scott said he would have to check into the ordinance. Gregg said he felt it went really well too and they seemed to like the idea and supported what the Tree Board is wanting to do. Mike said he still needs to get with Troy Bolander and Sam Anselm on this topic but has been busy this month helping get things ready for the May 22 anniversary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marilyn Ponder showed a short video from the Arbor Day Celebration. (Attached) She said she had a representative come up to her a few days after the event asking her what they could do to make the event better next year. She said she heard wonderful things about it being at Landreth but would suggest doing it earlier in April. She said they should plan doing it April 7th, 2017. Gregg asked the board if they had a preference or if that date would work for everyone next year. The board all agreed that the date would be best for them. Marilyn mentioned they handed out 200 trees and 1,000 seedlings. She also told the board that she would show up to a Tree Board meeting every couple months to update them on next year's Arbor Day.

Mike told the board that he was able to get the Management Plan with the Tree Inventory. (Attached) Mike said that we have a lot of hazard trees in the city that we need to get a handle on these. He said we have liability issues on about 250 street trees and about 250 park trees. It's unclear at this time how best to deal with the recommendations of the management plan. Some combination of in-house and contractor work will most likely be needed. Jason made a motion that City Council review the tree removal list provided by Plan-It Geo, 2nd by Samuel, all yea!

Gregg told the board that next meeting we need to have ideas to bring to the meeting on how the Tree Board can get more involved with the Community.

Jon Skinner handed out an article on Nature Conservancy (Attached) and an Arbor Day Foundation handbook (Attached).

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADJOURNEMENT:

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

Nakia Osborne, Senior Clerk