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JOPLIN PARKS & RECREATION

CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, June 28, 2016
5:30 PM
Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Samuel Wimsett, Kay Fauss, Jason Grossman, and Robert Willcoxon.
ABSENT:	Gregg Wilkerson
GUESTS:	Mike McDaniel, Arborist Jon Skinner Gary Shaw, Liaison
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Jason Grossman called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Kay Fauss made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Samuel Wimsett.
OLD BUSINESS:	Mike said he felt the meeting with Troy Bolander and Tony Robyn went really well. He walked away feeling very positive and that they have a better partnership and moving in the right direction. They recommend that the Tree Board come up with recommendation for tree pit improvement and sidewalk design to provide the most greenspace for trees. Mike said that he would come up with some main points and email them to the board so they can add or change things to the list before they approve the list. Mike had a meeting with Jack Schaller from Olsson a week later. Said he also felt that this meeting went well. Jack did tell Mike that there is not much money for enhancements. Most of the funds are going to new sidewalks, street lights and pavement. He recommended using Silva cells and structural soil to

enhance the rooting area for trees. Jack recommended speaking with Jan Earnhart, a landscape architect with Olsson, about translating some of these ideas into an official design format. Mike told the board he has a meeting with them in a few days. The board feels that they just need to keep working on trying to get the City more knowledgeable on trees. Citizens have requested more trees e planted and they are relatively cheap to install. They have so many benefits such as cooling buildings, cooling pavement so it last longer, and property value are just a few things.

Mike told the board last meeting Gregg asked the board to come up with ideas to bring to the meeting on how the Tree Board can get more involved with the Community. He told the board to have ideas for the July meeting because he really wants to start getting involved in the community more. Kay said she really thinks the board should try setting up a booth at Third Thursday. Mike would also like us to be more involved with the Joplin School District.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike mentioned that he has been in touch with Casey Jo Kellner, the urban forester from Springfield because they have their sidewalks done the way we are trying to get done here. They use a rubberized sidewalk instead of the hard metal grates. (Picture Attached) With the rubberized sidewalk when the tree grows you can trim the rubberized sidewalk to give the tree more growing room. He also mentioned trying to get business to adopt street trees that are adjacent to their business.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Jon handed Gary Shaw a reimbursement check for $25,000.00. This check was to reimburse the city for the Tree Inventory.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Kay Fauss made a motion to adjourn, second by Samuel Wimsett.

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