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JOPLIN PARKS & RECREATION

CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Samuel Wimsett, Jason Grossman, and Robert Willcoxon.
ABSENT:	Gregg Wilkerson, Kay Fauss
GUESTS:	Mike McDaniel, Arborist Jon Skinner Gary Shaw, Liaison
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Jason Grossman called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Robert Willcoxon made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Samuel Wimsett.
OLD BUSINESS:	Mike said he has had some good meetings about the 20th street project. He feels that he is moving in the positive direction with Downtown Alliance and the Engineering Department. He meets with the Engineering Department and the planners on Thursday. Mike handed out a paper that he is wanting to present to them and he wanted the Park Boards approval. (Attached) The board approved with a few changes. Mike said he would make the changes and email it to the board tomorrow to approve it before he goes to his meeting on Thursday. Mike also handed out a letter (Attached) for the board to review on the Main Street project. He will also be taking this to his meeting on Thursday. They are looking at planting 71 trees which is only 4 trees per block.

Mike told the board that he also sees an improvement in the Joplin residents. They are getting knowledgeable. We just need to keep teaching them the importance and benefits to trees.

Mike and Jon went to Springfield and got some ideas from them about different ideas concerning planting trees along streets and repairing sidewalks without damaging roots that we could try also in Joplin.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike told the board that during the tree inventory they recommended that 250 trees be removed. These trees are damaged or have died. He said some of these trees could be a big liability on the city. So we need to start deciding on a game plan to get these trees removed. It would be ideal if we could come up with a replacement plan for the trees that need to be cut down. Mike said he would contact Forest Releaf and see if they would be willing to donate anymore trees to replace them. Jason told Mike that he needs to contact Code Enforcement and the City Manager to inform and educate them on what needs to be done.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Jon told the board that on September 12 there holding the 40th anniversary for Tree City USA in St. Louis, MO. They should be sending out a letter to invite someone from the council to represent Joplin.

Mike told the board that he wanted them to think about during the cooler months getting more hands on in the parks and maybe doing a meeting every other month.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Robert Willcoxon made a motion to adjourn, second by Samuel Wimsett.

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To Whom It May Concern,

Trees provide multiple environmental and social benefits. Benefits provided by trees are proportional to the size of the tree. Trees that grow large at maturity provide greater benefits over time. One of interest to this project is when trees form a canopy over the sidewalk, people spend more time in that portion of the business area, and usually end up spending more dollars there.

We, the Joplin Tree Board, are encouraging modifications to the South Main Street streetscape designs to allow for the planting of as many trees as possible and allow for the largest mature size of tree possible. The following are technologies that will allow trees to have adequate rooting volume and moisture to grow and provide the desired benefits:

- Silva Cells allow for good soil to be underneath the sidewalk or roadway.
- Structural Soil allow for useable soil to be underneath the sidewalk or roadway.
- Permeable rubberized sidewalks allow for rainwater to enter the planting space.
- Larger planting holes allow for larger trees and more useable soil.
- Group planting holes are much larger and allow trees to share rooting space.
- Continuous planting strip is a large group planting hole.

All these methods can be found in various urban forestry resources and / or on the internet. If you would like to learn more about these, please contact the Tree Board or Mike McDaniel.

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