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CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018
5:30 PM
Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Lauren Copple, Jason Grossman, Samuel Wimsett, Robert Willcoxon
ABSENT:	
GUESTS:	Paul Bloomberg Jason (Jake) Cowen Jon Skinner Anthony Monteleone
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Jason Grossman called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	No minutes to approve. Had a work day scheduled.
OLD BUSINESS:	Paul told the board that John Gilligan in IT has been working on the Tree Inventory. He mentioned that there is a public access and then admin access. We need to come up with a plan on how to keep the inventory updated. Lauren mentioned having an intern do it for college credit. He said that in 2022 the new storm water tax will be renewed and hopefully we can get an Arborist Position back.
NEW BUSINESS:	He mentioned that Barbara from City Clerk's office reached out to him. She was wondering if we had a city tree. The board doesn't recall us having one. Paul asked the board to email him some tree ideas and the benefits to why the think that would be a good city tree.

Paul said that he would like to have more work day meetings. He felt they got a lot done at the September work day meeting. Maybe in the warmer months like May, July, September we can do work days and get the public involved.

Paul stated that the Tree City USA Grant is due December 31st. Nakia and Jake have been working on it.

Jake is working on an RFP for the next round of tree pruning. All About Trees won the bid last year and did the pruning in March. Jake is working on getting the RFP done so that they can hopefully start pruning in February-March.

Paul mentioned that he went to a conference and they mentioned that the Arbor Day Celebration does not have to be on Arbor Day. Paul said he would like to tie Arbor Day into one of or events or create a new event. Lauren mentioned trying to come up with a 5K run for the trees run. 5K's are very popular and it would tie in Arbor day with health. Paul said he would get in touch with Ashley Teeter and Ruth Stockham and see if they can help with planning or coming up with an idea to make this happen. Paul said that Ashley one of the Recreation Coordinators has been wanting to try and host a 5K so maybe this would be a good event to start with. Jon said that we will need to know by January what the plan is for Arbor Day so we can get it all planned out and let the public know.

Jon mentioned there was a pruning workshop at Cunningham Park on the 17th. It was hosted by Missouri Community Forestry. They had about 16 people attend and participate in the hands-on learning. They noticed that several of the trees near the wooden playground had sunscald on them. They will need to be replaced. Jake said they have been working on it and have replaced five trees out there already.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNEMENT: Lauren Copple made a motion to adjourn, second by Samuel Wimsett.

Nakia Osborne, Accounting Specialist

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