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JOPLIN PARKS & RECREATION

CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, November 27, 2017
5:30 PM
Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Lauren Copple, Jason Grossman, Samuel Wimsett, Robert Willcoxon.
ABSENT:	JJ Spurlin
GUESTS:	Paul Bloomberg, Parks Director Jason Cowen
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 Lauren Copple.
OLD BUSINESS:	None
NEW BUSINESS:	Jason told the board that we need to come up with a policy to put in contracts for construction zones to protect our trees. He mentioned how he passed Campbell Parkway and he said that heavy work trucks parked right between trees which kills the trees due to soil compaction. Paul mentioned that there were a lot of issues with that contractor. Mike was still here when that project was going on so he handled most of the issues. This was also a Public Works project not a Parks project. The project is complete now but Mike had to go back through and do a lot of mending to the project before he left. Jason made a motion to put in a contract that any projects in the parks have to have a drip zone radius. Which means the contractor has to put up fencing

around the trees so heavy equipment cannot damage the trees.

Jason asked Paul if the City had any funds to hire a tree arborist or even try and copay for an arborist with other cities such as Webb City or Carl Junction. Paul said at this time the city has no funds for an arborist. Paul said that we are not the only department that used the arborist position. Public Works and Planning also used the arborist. Jason made a motion to recommend to city council about hiring someone with the certification or promote someone to get an arborist certification or copay with other cities for the arborist position, 2nd by Sam, all yea. Jason said we just spent all this time and money planting new trees and we need someone to keep up with maintaining these trees.

Paul told the board that the new parks storm water tax will be renewed in 2022. Jason made a motion to use some of that funding for an arborist position, 2nd by Lauren, all yea.

Jason asked Paul if the board had an account that people can donated money to the city for trees. Paul told the board that we have a "Friends of the Park" account. Anyone can donate to "Friends of the Park" this can either be donated for a specific project or scholarship.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Paul said there is an RFP out for tree pruning. This will be paid with the TRIM Grant that Mike got before he left. He also mentioned that we are working on filling out the application for the Tree City USA Grant. This is due at the end of December.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Jason Grossman made a motion to adjourn, second by Lauren Copple.

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