

TREE BOARD MEETING

March 7, 2018

12:30 p.m.

Planning & Development Conference Room

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Vice-Chairperson Harris, Board Members Olson and Webster

Members Absent: Chairperson Haston, Board Member Sorenson

Staff Present: Perry Eckhardt Senior Planner
Amy Jackson Planner
Kirby Dieterman MS4 Coordinator

AGENDA ITEMS

Approve November 1, 2017 Minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Board Member Olson, seconded by Board Member Webster, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2017 meeting as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Eckhardt reported that the current account balance is \$32,426.71. The Tree Board has been authorized to spend \$10,000 for fiscal year 2018.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF ONGOING PROJECTS

LANDSCAPE CODE UPDATE:

Mr. Eckhardt presented the updated landscape code that will be presented to the Board of Alderman for approval.

MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM:

Staff stated they will be purchasing three memorial trees; two black gum and one white flowering dogwood. For Arbor Day, the two black gum will be dedicated by the City and Tree Board as part of the event.

GRETNA ROAD PROJECT

Staff stated that Albert's Landscaping Company has been awarded the bid for the completion and maintenance of the Gretna Road islands. Kirby Dieterman reassured the board that there are mandatory lane closure procedures that will be followed during maintenance.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PROJECTS

ARBOR DAY 2018

Friday, April 6, 2018, has been chosen as the date to celebrate Arbor Day at Alexander Park. Staff will be dedicating two trees along with proper mulching demonstrations.

WATERING SUPPLIES PURCHASE

Mrs. Jackson presented a tree watering product, ArborRain, which would serve as a low-profile, effective mechanism for watering the newly planted trees.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Nominations for May awards are due by April 26th for voting at May 2nd meeting.

Parks Trim Grant Update

Mr. Dieterman will notify the U.S. Army of Corp Engineers about tree pruning.

Branson Hills Project

New tree planting project along Branson Hills Parkway. Schedule an on-site evaluation towards the end of May for Tree Board and staff to determine what trees need to be removed and what has survived.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

North Beach Park

Staff is planning a Missouri native shrub planting in honor of Earth Day. The species selected will aid in erosion control and streambank stabilization.

Tree Management Plan

Staff recommends utilizing GIS for tree management software to save money on subscription through current provider.

Roundabout South of Cox Hospital

Maintained by Opie's Landscaping.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Board Member Olson and seconded by Board Member Webster and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m.



Clark Harris, Vice-Chairperson

5-2-18

Date



Amy Jackson, Planner

5/2/18

Date