

TREE BOARD MEETING
May 2, 2018
12:30 p.m.
Planning & Development Conference Room

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Board Member Sorenson

Staff Present: Joel Hornickel Planning and Development Director
Perry Eckhardt Senior Planner
Amy Jackson Planner
Kirby Dieterman MS4 Coordinator
Matt Filice Assistant City Engineer
Jason Reinsch Assistant Parks Director

Special Guest

Speaker: Nick Baker General Manager of Lovett Pinetum

AGENDA ITEMS

Approve March 7, 2018 Minutes.

MOTION:

Motion by Board Member Olson, seconded by Board Member Webster, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Eckhardt reported the Tree Board has been authorized to spend \$10,000 for fiscal year 2018.

GUEST SPEAKER

Nick Baker, General Manager of the Lovett Pinetum near Springfield, Missouri, presented the history, present and future plans of the Pinetum.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF ONGOING PROJECTS

RECAP OF ARBOR DAY:

Ms. Jackson gave a recap of the Arbor Day event on April 6th. At least a dozen people were in attendance at Alexander Park including the Mayor. Proper mulching demonstrations were provided at the trees in Alexander Park.

SUGGESTED/ DO NOT PLANT TREE LIST:

Staff is working on a tree species compilation of suggested, native trees for Branson residents, commercial properties and developers to use in the local landscape.

MAY BEAUTIFICATION AWARD:

May 9th is the deadline for nominations. The winner will be announced and awarded that same week.

TREE WATERING SCHEDULE AND SELECTED TREES:

Staff will be installing Arbor Rain watering system to newly planted trees (approx. 10 trees) and begin a weekly watering schedule unless sufficient rainfall occurs.

UPDATE ON ELECTRONIC TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Jason Reinsch, Assistant Director of Parks, gave a brief update on Park's TRIM grant progress and large tree pruning.

Curtis Copeland, City of Branson, GIS Specialist send a progress report on the in-house electronic tree management and was relayed to the group by Ms. Jackson.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PROJECTS

ADOPT-A- STREET SPRING PICKUP:

Staff will be sending out a poll to determine the pickup date.

BRANSON HILLS PROJECT:

Staff will be sending out an email to determine a site evaluation date.

CITY HALL PLANTING PROJECT:

Staff has planted approximately eighty-nine native plants in the bed south of the Police Station; Sixteen different Missouri native species. The planting was funded through the Public Works Department and the planting and maintenance is provided by staff that is a member of the local Master Gardeners of the Ozarks program. Plants were purchased from Smiling Suns nursery and Ozark Soul nursery; both local, Missouri nurseries.

MOTION:

Motion by Vice-Chairperson Harris and seconded by Member Webster to approve the purchase of a Native Planting sign located in the native planting bed south of the Police Station.

AYES: Chairperson Haston, Vice-Chairperson Harris, Member Olson and Member Webster
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Member Sorenson

Motion was unanimously passed with a 4-0 vote.

MISSOURI NATIVE PLANT SLIDESHOW:

Mr. Eckhardt provided the group with a personal slide show of the native plants he has planted and photographed.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Update on Gretna Road maintenance.
- Tour of Lovett Pinetum
- Branson Hills Planting Project

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chairperson Haston and seconded by Board Member Webster and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m.



Clark Harris, Vice-Chairperson

Date



Amy Jackson, Planner

6.14.18

Date