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**JOPLIN PARKS
& RECREATION**

CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

5:30 PM

Athletic Complex

3301 West 1st

Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lauren Copple, Jason Grossman, Samuel Wimsett,
Robert Willcoxon

ABSENT:

None

GUESTS:

Jason (Jake) Cowen
Jon Skinner
Dan Johnson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

Jason Grossman called the regular meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Lauren Copple made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Samuel Wimsett.

OLD BUSINESS.

Dan Johnson presented to the board that Public Works will be doing a Storm Water Project at Ewert Park. They will be removing some trees. The trees will be replaced. He told the board that they can pick the type of tree. He also asked when the best time to plant the trees would be. Jon said we should wait until October to replace them. The project should start in May and should be finished before summer.

Paul mentioned that Arbor Day Celebration will be held on April 27th at Landreth Park 9:00am-1:00pm. This event is becoming huge. We have teamed up with Wildcat Glades, Liberty Utilities, Conservation Department, Missouri Master Naturalist, and Missouri Stream Team. We will be having food vendors, music, demonstrations, and activities. (Attached)

Paul also told the board that the proclamation will be read at 11:00am at Arbor Day. He handed out the new proclamation. (Attached) Jason made a motion to move forward with the proclamation the way Paul presented it to the board, 2nd by Sam. All yea.

Jake said the tree pruning project went very well and All About Trees does a great job. They pruned 723 trees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul said only two people turned in ideas for the city tree designation. The trees that were recommended were the Black Gum, Northern Red Oak, Chinkapin Oak, and the Nutall Oak. After a small discussion on each tree the board decided that the Northern Red Oak would be the best tree to present as the City Tree Designation.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADJOURNEMENT:

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

Nakia Osborne, Accounting Specialist

N. Osborne

PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming April 27, 2019 as Arbor Day

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday called Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, community partners, families and friends will be joined together at Joplin's Arbor Day celebration to recognize the benefits of trees and urban forests; and

WHEREAS, trees will be planted across Joplin creating a lasting legacy for future generations; and

WHEREAS, trees improve water quality and quantity, reduce the erosion of precious topsoil, increase property values and economic vitality in Joplin, provide shade, cleanse the air, create habitat for wildlife, and add beauty to our community; and

WHEREAS, trees promote outdoor recreation which improves human health and well-being to everyone by encouraging more activity and connection to the natural world; and

WHEREAS, Joplin is a Tree City and recognizes that trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Shaw, Mayor of the City of Joplin, Missouri, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2019, as **ARBOR DAY** in the city of Joplin and urge our citizens to support the efforts to care for and restore our trees and woodlands.



MAY THE **FOREST** BE WITH YOU

JOINING FORCES TO SAVE OUR PLANET



AN EARTH & ARBOR DAY EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

10:00AM - 1:00PM

LANDRETH PARK, JOPLIN

9:00AM - 5K starts

11:00AM - Mayor's Arbor Day Proclamation

Food Trucks • Live Music • Tree Mulching Demo
Demonstrations & Giveaways • Family Activities
Tree & Native Plant Sale • Tree Identification Hike
Volunteer Stream-side Litter Cleanup • 5K Run
10th Anniversary of the Liberty Utilities Arboretum

