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**JOPLIN PARKS  
& RECREATION**

## **CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

5:30 PM

Athletic Complex

3301 West 1st

Joplin, MO 64801

***MEMBERS PRESENT:***

Lauren Copple, Jason Grossman, Robert Willcoxon

***ABSENT:***

Nathan Dagley, Samuel Wimsett

***GUESTS:***

Jon Skinner  
Paul Bloomberg  
Jason Cowen

***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 Robert Willcoxon.

***OLD BUSINESS:***

Paul told the board that 7 out of the 9 trees have been removed on Main Street. He said he is not sure how far they have gotten on the removal of the stumps. They will be replacing all nine of these trees with a Japanese Lilac Tree. These trees are already ordered from Ozark Nursey. The board discussed what kind of tree they think should be planted at Arbor Day. The board said they think they should plant the city tree which is the Northern Red Oak.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

He mentioned to the board that Arbor Day/Earth Day will be held at Wildcat Park this year. It will be on April 25, 2020. Lauren is working on the non-food vendors. She suggested that the Tree Board have a booth for information to hand out such as the City tree. We will also be having another 5k run at the event. Paul said this event is being put together by

Wildcat Friends Group, Liberty Utilities, MDC, and Joplin Parks and Recreation.

Paul handed out information from Sharon Beshore. She donated a tree to the city. It will be planted 4ft away from the Liberty tree in Mercy Park. The plaque was ordered from Sign Design and once its complete it will be place by the tree.

He said that himself, Jake, Jereme, and Dakota from Engineering will be leaving tomorrow to head to the Midwestern ISA conference in Overland Park. This conference is being paid by the Tree City USA.

***REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:***

Jason asked Paul if the recommendation for distant from tree root in work zone ever got passed because the project at Ewert is not following it. He mentioned that the tree roots have been compacted over there from vehicles driving over the roots. Paul said he would talk with David and Dan with Public Works.

Paul said that March is Jason's last meeting because his term is up. We will get in contact with the city clerks and see if they have applications to pull for two new board member since Nathan has missed three meeting in a row his seat is available too.

***ADJOURNEMENT:***

Lauren Copple made a motion to adjourn, second by Robert Willcoxon.

Nakia Osborne, Accounting Specialist

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