

TREE BOARD MEETING

June 18, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Planning & Development Conference Room

Roll Call

Members Present: Harris, Kinel, Olson, Stone, Wolfe
Staff Present: Tara Norback City Forester
Raeanne Presley Mayor

DISCUSSION

Meeting Started at 2:04 p.m.

Tara Norback notified members of the Empire Electric Press Release regarding the flag raising for their Tree Line USA award.

Tara Norback introduced Cindy Garner and Greg Cassel with the Missouri Conservation Department.

Mayor Presley thanked the board for committing to sitting on the tree board and discussed the issues that the tree board may want to look into.

Cindy Garner discussed what other cities had done regarding the tree board. Such cities as Marshfield and Ash Grove changed from tree board to a tree committee. Springfield has a Tree City Advisory Committee

Cindy also suggested setting goals. Smaller tasks that are attainable such as a tree inventory and tree canopy. The last tree inventory was conducted around 1999. Writing a mission or vision statement is a good next step.

Cindy mentioned a list of what other cities have done including:

- Public tree planting by the tree board
- Education
- TRIM grant for tree city awareness
- Train city employees and the tree board on proper pruning of trees
- Use incarcerated labor to trim trees and mulch
- Education regarding tree care and mowing around trees
- Write grants
- Assist with a tree inventory

Springfield had written a small TRIM grant to have large tags made to hang around a tree stating what the value of a tree is to create awareness. The website is www.thisreepays.org.

Walt Stone left at 2:45 p.m.

Mayor Presley left at 3:00 p.m.

To assist the tree board it was suggested by Cindy Garner to tap into the local resources that are available.

To help with writing the tree boards mission or goals, maps will be provided showing what we currently have.

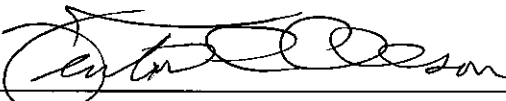
For the next meeting, maps from the GIS department showing an aerial of the city limits, tree canopy and areas of opportunity for tree board involvement.

Tara Norback said that a vote for the officers was needed. Clark Harris had been the Chairperson previously and said he is the chair for two other boards and declined the opportunity but nominated Dr. Kenton Olson to be the chair.

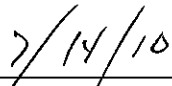
After discussion of the duties of Tara Norback and Dr. Olson, he said he would accept the nomination and Julie Wolfe seconded the nomination.

Clark Harris made a motion to adjourn and Ben Kinel seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.



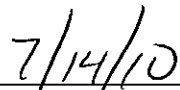
Kenton Olson, Chairperson



Date



Tara Norback, City Forester



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