

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS**

**TREE BOARD MINUTES**

**July 20, 2021**

**200 Civic Center Drive**

**Lake St. Louis, MO 63367**

To educate the Lake Saint Louis community on the importance of trees"

**I.** Call to Order: 5:35 p.m.

**II.** Roll Call                      Present              Absent

Joe Mulitsch                        X                \_\_\_\_\_

Roy Zirges                          X                \_\_\_\_\_

Diane Arisman                      X                \_\_\_\_\_

Carol Lynch                        \_\_\_\_\_                X  

Also in Attendance: Darren Nolken, Director of Parks and Recreation

Jacalyn Schauer, Aldermanic Liaison

**III. Agenda**

**Public Comment**      None

**Approve the minutes** of the May 18, 2021 meeting. Diane Motioned and Joe seconded, Motion passed.

**IV. Staff Report- Application Phase of 2 Matching Grants**

## **A. Urban Forestry Grant**

- Staff will identify 12 -15 trees in Deer Ridge Park on a walking tour and make a list of the species of each tree and include general information. At the next meeting, the Tree Board will help select which trees on the list will have a plaque with an address to a website for the Missouri Botanical Garden in St Louis or the Morton Arboretum in the Chicago area to get more information on the tree including habitat, wildlife benefits, size and life span. We could also put honey suckle on the list and talk about how invasive it is. Davey Resource Group will help design the plaque.
- We can also put the location of these trees on the map created for the Park so anyone in the Park can see which trail is closest to a tree of interest. The grant will also fund guided tours by our Contract Arborist Jacob McMains
- Matching part of this grant will be from in-kind contributions, volunteer time from the Tree Board and Staff Time. So this grant should have zero cost to the City

## **B. Glade Restoration Community Forest Grant from the Department of Conservation**

- Removal of unwanted invasive species on approximately 5 acres. Once a month for 3 months in a row a contractor will spray the invasive species and cut it. In the winter a contractor will re-seed it with native grasses.
- Matching part of this grant will be Staff time.

## **V. Board Discussion**

- A.** Weeds in the Butterfly Garden at Hawk Ridge Park need to be removed. More volunteers are needed. It was also suggested we contact the Garden Club.. Darren will also check with the City's Landscaping Contractor to find out how much would be added to the City's contract.
- B.** Emerald Ash Borer is still active. The City removed all Ash Trees of City property in maintained areas with a grant. Honey suckle is always present.
- C.** Part for the water fountain for pets in Boulevard Park is on order.

- D.** Next meeting: August 17, 2021 Discuss grants and move forward. Hopefully M.D.O.C should have their funds allocation so we will know the extent of funding for our grants

## **VI. Adjourn**

- A. Diane** motioned and Joe seconded. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm