

CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS

TREE BOARD MINUTES

August 17, 2021 5:30 P.M.

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

Jacob McMains, Contract Arborist, Davey Resource Group

III. Agenda

Meeting called to order at 5:37pm

Public Comment None

Approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting. Diane Motioned and Joe seconded, Minutes approved.

IV. Staff Report - Dog Bowl on the Fountain in Blvd Park is working

A. Submitted the Glade Restoration Community Forestry Grant to Erin Shanks D.O.C. Erin suggested Staff take more time to eliminate unwanted species with a goal of planting next winter instead of this winter. When Staff gets approval spraying can begin this fall, then once next spring and two or three times next summer/fall with a goal to plant in the off season.

B. Urban Forest Grant – Creating an Interpretive Tree Trail. The scope of this Grant is: developing the trail, the signs, developing and fixing the signs and creating an additional sign that would be an overview of all the tree signs of where those locations are. Then the QR code on the tree can be scanned to get more information about the tree. The Tree Board will have input on which trees will be highlighted.

C. Arbor Day – Friday October 8, 2021 approximately 30 minute before Movie Nite starts in Blvd Park. The movie is Hocus Pocus. Since this is a kids movie there should be enough kids to gather around for tree planting, reading the Arbor Day proclamation with Q and A before planting a Tree. The site will be ready for planting.

Popcorn will also be available. Also In honor of Arbor day Staff will plant 5 trees in the Park before movie night, some around the new playground. This event will be put on our Facebook page

V. Board Discussion

A. Application and budget for both grants have verbal approval. Waiting for the State to hand out cooperative agreements so the projects can be implemented.

B. Joe Mulitsch asked if the City would plant a tree in Veterans Park to memorialize Chuck Goldman WWII Veteran with 2 Purple Hearts and one of the founders of Chapter 53 of the Disabled American Veterans. Darren is checking to see if this could be arranged. Planting is difficult because of rocks in the soil.

C. Darren received a call from a resident about 80 Ash trees dying in her subdivision and wanting to know what resources are available to help remove the trees. Darren reached out to Erin Shank and Dan Monscheski, D.O.C. for clarification on grants that could be

used to remove trees. A professional Arborist will need to make the decision on removing a tree before considering a grant. According to Danny's interpretation of TRIM grants, H.O.A.'s can use them to remove a tree as long as it's not fenced and there is public access to it.

VI. Adjourn

A. Diane motioned and Joe seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm