

St. Joseph Tree Board Meeting Minutes
6:00 p.m. – 4th Floor Conference Room
October 9, 2018

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Members present: Tom Slawson Chairperson
John Holland Co-Chairperson
Douglas Stanton

Members absent: Bea Roster

Staff present: Peggy Shaw, Code Enforcement Clerk
Lonnie Messbarger, Resource Forester

Juston Carr had just received the appointment of Property Maintenance Supervisor (taking over from Walter Hughes) earlier that day and was unable to attend this meeting.

Quorum established with three members present.

Tom Slawson opened the meeting. John Holland made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written and Douglas Stanton seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Agenda Item #1: **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business

Agenda #2: **New Business**

John Holland went by Carden Park School and the T-posts are still there. Tom Slawson went to Hyde Park, Hosea, Skaith and Pickett Schools. All these schools looked as though all the available space for tree planting were being used. It was decided to go ahead and stick with the 2 newer schools and continue to fill their available areas. The board can revisit the older schools at a later date. It was explained to the visitor, Ms Harris, that they usually provide trees to the Elementary Schools only since it is usually the 4th grade that participates in the planting. It was decided to plan on using Oak Grove for the 2019 Arbor Day Event. The board would like Juston to talk to KCPL, like Walt did, to donate a tree to plant at the school.

Ms Mary Jo Harris, a visitor to the meeting, mentioned they could possibly obtain trees from The Relief Program in St Louis. Lonnie explained that KCPL has always been the one we work with.

John Holland will contact Oak Grove School to set things up for next Arbor Day. Douglas Stanton will contact Sam's Club for donations of candy for the Conservation Department Open House. Lonnie Messbarger will let everyone know the date of the Conservation Departments Open House next year. It is usually towards the end of the month in hopes of better weather at that time.

Peggy will attempt to find last year's Tree City Application and have Juston fill it out before the due date of December 31, 2018.

Ms Harris, the visitor, asked a few questions of the board and everyone did their best to answer them. Her initial concern was as to who had cut down the trees at the corner of Union St and Noyes Blvd. Tom Slawson advised her to go to the City's GIS site and she would be able to look up who owns the property. She had questions about an updated tree canopy assessment and Lonnie mentioned a website called I-tree.com. She was also concerned about a right away assessment and different sections of the town needing more trees. Tom Slawson said St Joseph has more trees now than they did 100 years ago.

The Board would like to have business cards made. Peggy will make some business cards for each of the Board Members. This will help them when they are visiting the schools so they can pass security and be allowed on the property. Douglas Stanton suggested they receive badges with pictures like all City employees are issued.

The board asked if Ms Harris was interested in becoming a tree board member. If so, she should contact the council member of her district and they will nominate her for the tree board at the City Council meeting.

Tom Slawson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Douglas Stanton seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Next meeting will be March 12, 2019