

St. Joseph Tree Board Meeting Minutes  
6:30 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
September 15, 2021

CITY CLERK  
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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>Term of Office</u>
Members present:	David Ball, Chairperson	11-0	December 3, 2021
	Daniel Benz, Vice Chairperson	11-0	December 17, 2021
	Gregg Mrkvicka	9-2	January 3, 2023
	Mechelle Cox	3-2	January 13, 203

Absent: Theo Williams

Staff present: Peggy Shaw, Code Enforcement Clerk

Visitors – Martha Clark, Arborist  
Matthew Schwend, Community Forester with MO Conservation Dept.  
Toby – Guest invited by David Ball

Quorum established with four members present.

David Ball opened the meeting. He motioned to accept the previous July 16, 2021 minutes. Mrvicka gave the first motion and Cox seconded it. All Aye.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Membership terms were discussed. Ball and Benz's terms will end in December 2021. This means Mrkvicka and Cox will be the only 2 Board members left. Ball said he would be willing to serve another term but would prefer not to hold a position as an Officer.

Ball asked Cox if she was interested in possibly becoming the new Chairperson.

If this Board is disbanded there will be no more Tree City USA.

Ball would like the Board to do more than just the Arbor Day Project.

Martha suggested training opportunities at the Conservation Dept. This would help get the public more involved with trees and how they benefit the city. Possibly have these educational opportunities a few times a year. Matt said right now the education is mainly based on insects.

Matt suggested a "Winter Workshop" for the upcoming time of year. This would include pruning later in the year instructions.

Benz mentioned a Certification for Tree Removal and this could be another forum for education.

Matt said the ISA Credentials is a certificate available at the Conservation Dept. which involves passing a test.

It was decided to do a program with the Conservation Dept. on a Wednesday night in about a month.

The topic would be pruning and the class would last approximately 1 ½ to 2 ½ hours.

Matt will check on renting out a classroom.

Mrkvicka and Benz will check their calendars.

Cox and Benz will call the Homeowner's Associations and see if they are interested.

The next meeting will be November 10, 2021 at the MO Conservation Dept. for pruning education.

At this time the Board will also decide on a new Chairperson.

Ball asked for a motion to have the meeting adjourned. The first motion was by Mrkvicka and seconded by Cox. All aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Shaw  
Recording Secretary