

TREE ADVISORY BOARD

October 11, 2021

The City of Cape Girardeau Tree Advisory Board held their regular meeting on October 11, 2021, at 12:00 Noon at the Osage Centre.

Present:

Jennifer Behnken, Chairman

Dr. Sven Svenson, Vice Chairman

Robert Harris, Board Member

Laura Klipfel, Board Member

Stan Polivick, Public Works Director/Member

Brock Davis, Parks Division Manager

Absent:

Dr. Beverly Evans, Board Member

Doug Gannon, Director of Parks & Recreation

Staff Present:

Diane Boyer, Recording Secretary

OPENING

Chairman Behnken called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

MINUTES

Chairman Behnken requested the approval of the August 9, 2021, minutes. Vice Chairman Svenson made a motion; seconded by Stan Polivick to approve the minutes. Motion passed with no one opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominate Board Officers for 2022 Term

The board felt Chairman Behnken and Vice Chairman Svenson have again performed excellently and asked them to remain in their positions. They both agreed. Stan Polivick made a motion for Jennifer Behnken to remain as Chairman for 2022 and Dr. Sven Svenson to remain as Vice Chairman for 2022; seconded by Robert Harris. Motion passed with no one opposed.

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B. Trees Along Broadway

Parks Division Manager Davis informed the board they are having problems with the Locust trees along Broadway. Since they were not looking good, he asked Chairman Behnken and Vice Chairman Svenson to take a look at them. Chairman Behnken said it looks like a foliage disease caused by webworms. They tend to take a heavier presence in early Fall. None of the trees have died yet nor been removed. Parks Division Manager Davis just wanted to make the board aware of the situation in case they received any questions. Parks Maintenance Staff will spray the trees to eliminate the webworms. In the future, the planting boxes may need to be enlarged since the roots are constricted. The board suggested inviting the new City Engineer, Amy Ferris, to an upcoming meeting to see her outlook on future projects.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Arena Park Tree Master Plan

Parks Division Manager Davis said the T.R.I.M. Grant is almost complete. An article must be created and submitted for publicity. Director Jones was working on this but was unable to complete before she retired. She had asked for an extension which was granted. Parks Division Manager Davis has been in contact with Russell Hinnah, Community Forestry Coordinator with the Missouri Department of Conservation, and will get the article submitted and the grant completed.

REPORTS

A. Staff Briefs / Project Updates

Staff Briefs were handed out to the board members informing them of the upcoming events and projects in the Parks & Recreation Department through November 11, 2021. Parks Division Manager Davis reported Parks & Recreation Staff is busy building the Haunted Hall of Horror which will be open October 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 and 31. Spaghetti Day will be held November 4 serving from 11:00 a.m. thru 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed if anyone would be available to work or bring a dessert.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. at the Osage Centre.

Chairman Behnken reminded the board members to bring a Christmas ornament relating to the tree Board for a gift exchange at the December Board Meeting. Parks Division Manager Davis invited the board members to the Annual Parks & Recreation Department / Board Member Christmas Luncheon to be held Wednesday, December 17, at Noon at the Shawnee Park Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Stan Polivick made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Laura Klipfel. Motion passed with no one opposed. The meeting was adjourned.

Transcribed by:
Diane Boyer, Recording Secretary