

**TREE ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes - FINAL  
Monday, February 13, 2023  
12:00 p.m.**

**Osage Centre • Meeting Room 1A**

**Present:**

Jennifer Behnken, Chairman  
Dr. Sven Svenson, Vice Chairman  
Stan Polivick, Board Member  
Laura Klipfel, Board Member  
Robert Harris, Board Member

**Parks and Recreation Staff Present:**

Doug Gannon, Board Member  
Brock Davis, Board Member  
Kim Butler, P&R Admin Coordinator  
Kayla Otte, P&R Admin Assistant

**Opening**

Jennifer Behnken called the meeting to order and welcomed new board member Lewis Jackson Hill, who will replace Dr. Beverly Evans, and Parks and Recreation new administrative Assistant Kayla Otte. Kayla will replace Kim Butler and the recording secretary.

**Approval of Minutes:** December 12, 2022 motion to approve Stan, Robert second. APPROVED

**New Business**

**A. New Board member Jackson Hill introduction**

**B. Introduction of Kayla Otte**

**C. Arbor Day Planting – April 7, 2023**

There has been a suggestion to replace trees at city hall. Brock Davis suggested replacing the trees in the Osage island, which has dying crepe myrtles. He would like to replace them on Arbor Day before Cape Splash opens. Sven suggested possibly Southern Magnolia, Jennifer suggested plum tree, crabapple, and Brock suggested service berry. Brock would like to replant at Osage for sure. He wants to meet a couple hours before the meeting April 7<sup>th</sup> to do the planting. Email Brock with other suggestions on locations.

**D. Friends of the Parks Day and the Great Cape Cleanup – April 22, 2023**

Volunteers will be doing service projects in about 14 parks from 9 am to noon, including some projects at the river front. Registration starts at 8:30am. Food is provided by Schnucks. Brock said they will need a lot of help fixing lunch, including: food preparers, guides, runners, etc. at Shelter 3, which is right off of West End Blvd

## Old Business

### A. Storm damaged trees.

They are still finding a lot of damages to the trees at the parks due to snow and ice storms. While cleaning up limbs from the storms, they discovered a lot of the trees were dead, some which were hollow. There have also been quite a few trees found completely uprooted, that wind and possibly over saturated soil has caused. Bloomfield road trail has had a couple of trees blow over.

## Reports

### A. Staff Briefs /Project Updates

1. Brock gave a brief overview of what was included in the Staff Brief handout.
2. Stan - Public Works has some projects coming up, most of which do not include tree removal.
3. Laura - Ameren with be doing some tree trimming on Kingsway, Glenwood, Mount Auburn, etc. Ameren also has an upcoming project in 2024 on the Independence substations which will include the removal of some trees.
4. Jennifer announced that along with the Missouri Dept. of Conservation, they will be partnering with a company in STL for a tree buyback program. If you remove a Bradford Pear tree, you will have the opportunity to receive a free tree to replace it.

### B. Approved Tree List

Brock will send out the approved tree list.

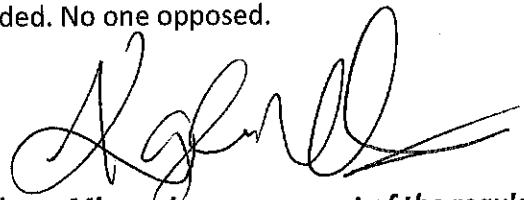
## Other Business

Next Board Meeting – Friday, April 7, 2023

## Adjournment

Brock Davis motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded. No one opposed.

Transcribed by: Kayla Otte, Administrative Assistant



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