

TREE BOARD
City of Prairie Village, Kansas

Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Chair Lindsay Voitik

Board members present: Mark Morgan (minutes), Rob Schmitz, Lindsay Voitik (Chair), Beth Held, Kirk Waters, Kevin Dunn and Whitney Wilson

Other attendees: Bridget Tolle (Urban Forestry Specialist, Public Works)

1) Minutes - Whitney moved that the May 1, 2024 minutes be approved. Rob seconded.

2) Old Business

- a. Minute Taking Assignments – Confirmed June (Mark M.); August (Rob); November (Whitney)
- b. Fall Tree Seminar – Bridget confirmed date is Weds. September 25th at 7pm. Location is Meadowbrook Clubhouse and Bridget has reserved the Birch Room (same as in 2023). The city's credits with JOCO Park & Rec were used up so cost to Tree Board is \$250 plus a \$200 deposit. The Tree Board budget has \$669.42 left for the year and Bridget asked if speakers expect payment.
Kevin confirmed that we have Family Tree Nursery owner Jonah Nelson as a panelist speaker. Also has a 2nd panelist with Mark Young of Country Club Tree. Bridget to reach out to Ryan Rastok with Kansas Arborist Association. Use to be with Kansas Forest Service and now starting own company. The Ducks Unlimited speaker no longer available. Kirk will contact Pheasants Forever for a potential speaker. Beth mentioned local chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Bridget volunteered to be the 4th speaker on the panel if needed. Kevin will write a short article for the September/October Village Voice which is due August 5th. Will send a draft to Lindsay for review. Kevin will also contact KC Gardener magazine for due date to submit article for their September issue.
- c. Finalize Village Fest (July 4th) event partnership with Environmental Committee. – Rob and Lindsay attended the May 22nd Environmental Committee. There is a signup process for time slots. Bridget will forward to the Tree Board. Time slots are early a.m.; late a.m.; early p.m. Suggest having 2 members per shift.
Bridget will submit a request to J.D. Kinney, Village Fest Event Planner for the following for Tree Board display:

- Tree Board will have a tent in the Environmental Committee's location – JD Kinney
- Requesting 1 table (2 if possible) and 2 chairs – JD Kinney
- Requesting bungee cords for information board
- Provide an extension cord if possible for a fan

Kevin will locally source 1-2 native trees in 2-3 gallon containers as a free pollinator host tree raffle give away. Trees could be a Paw Paw and/or a Catalpas. All approved up to \$100 for the 2 trees. Bridget Tolle will print tickets and pickup/purchase tree if needed.

Temporary tree tattoos or stickers and candy for kids – Whitney Wilson, Beth Held and Kirk Walters will select/purchase stickers and/or tattoos and suckers for kids (send Bridget receipts for reimbursement or amazon cart so City can pay for it). Information board provided by Env. Committee – ideally would like 2. Bridget and Lindsay to coordinate.

Tree Board will bring it's logo sign as well as Tree City USA sign to display. Will also display on table acrylic stands for website page and QR code and information on the 2 trees. Kevin will provide a short writeup on both trees and send to Mark and Bridget who will add photos and print off to be inserted in acrylic stands.

- d. Discussion of Jazz Fest participation; status of updating maps of city park trees; MARC Tree Canopy update were deferred to August Meeting.

3) New Business - 2024 Tree Board Committee assignments; Village voice article brainstorm; participation in Prairie Village's 75th anniversary celebration were deferred to next meeting.

4) The next Tree Board meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.