

TREE BOARD
City of Prairie Village, Kansas

Minutes

Wednesday - April 2, 2025 6:00 pm Meeting

Public Works Building
3535 Somerset Drive

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:02 PM

Board members present: Bart Altenbernd, Michael Konovalske, Mark Morgan, Rob Schmitz, Lindsay Voitik (Chair), Whitney Wilson, Chi Ngyun, and Colin McAllister

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

1. Review and approve minutes: Robert motioned to approve the March minutes, Mike seconded, minutes approved unanimously.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Arbor Day Event - April 26th 10:00am at Harmon Park
Chinkapin Oak is planned to be planted this week near Tommy the Turtle (playground feature installed in the 1950's). The shelter has been reserved, and tennis courts were blocked off for reservation. Tree Board Members should arrive early to set up (around 9:00 to 9:30am). Lindsay and Mike will bring refreshments (donuts, coffee, etc). Bridget said to save receipts for reimbursement. 25 bareroot Chinkapin Oak tree "whips" will be purchased (\$35) through Kansas Forest Service for free tree giveaways during the event.
 - b. Village Voice Articles and Social Media notices - Discussed arbor day social media posts. Mark sent pictures of Kevin Dunn to go along with social media post. Mayoral Arbor Day proclamation will take place on Monday April 21st at 6:00pm at the City Council Meeting. Lindsay and other Tree Board members plan to attend to award Kevin Dunn with a certificate following the proclamation.
3. Tree Mapping Update – Bridget said that she plans to attend a NE Johnson County communities meeting to discuss AIMS and Lucity. The goal is to share limited tree data coordinating Prairie Village tree assets in Lucity with Johnson County AIMS, starting with

parks. Then we can find out how long it will take to start analyzing tree data. treecanopy.us was also discussed. Bridget will bring updates to the next Tree Board meeting on May 7th.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review events for Tree board participation – There was not a strong desire to participate in Jazzfest and GoGreen this year due to timing of Fall Seminar. They will keep GoGreen in the May agenda for now. The Tree Board wants to participate in Villagefest again this year (requesting 2 tents, 2 tables, 4 chairs, and power if available). Whitney expressed the need for member participation. Colin had the idea of bringing a monitor to show the treecanopy.us map and promote the Fall Seminar during VillageFest. Bridget said she will request these items to JD Kinney. Tree Board wants to continue with the Fall Seminar to present and discuss the tree canopy mapping. Having a panel of potentially 3 speakers, a larger room, and a Q&A session with attendees was also discussed.
4. Agenda for next meeting on May 7th – Arbor Day Recap, NE JoCo data meeting update, continue VillageFest & Fall Seminar planning, Village Voice Articles and Social Media

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm. Minutes prepared by Whitney Wilson and Bridget Tolle.