



City of Carthage, Missouri

TREE BOARD

October 3, 2023 - 4:30 PM
Parks & Recreation Office
521 Robert Ellis Young Drive
Carthage, MO 64836

MINUTES

1. Old Business

1. Approval of September Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 1.1. by Bryan Stringer;
second by Noah Smith;
Motion with a 2:0

AYES: Bryan Stringer, Noah Smith

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Citizens Participation

(Citizens wishing to speak should notify Department Head or Committee Chair in advance)
No citizen participation to report.

3. New Business

1. Review and Discuss City Ordinance and Tree List.

Abi Almandinger started the discussion on updating the city ordinance. Jon Skinner and Noah Smith had questions about some of the verbiage in the city ordinance, tentative approval on the red-lined version has been given by the city attorney. Final approval after updates are made. Abi Almandinger also advised the board that there was a dead tree that was cut down on Bell Air Place. The residents there would like to have a tree planted to replace the tree that had to be cut down. Noah advised that Tree Line USA could donate a tree to replace the tree and that CWEP and the Parks Department could partner on the care of the tree. Abi Almandinger, Kirk Tilley, and Noah Smith also had a discussion about two sugar maples in Central Park that are dead and will need to be cut down and replaced. Discussion about planting other types of trees like evergreens will be talked about at a later date.

2. Discuss Tree Line USA Locations to Plant Trees.

Noah Smith started the discussion about where to plant Tree Line USA trees this year. Abi Almandinger, Noah Smith, and Bryan all discussed several locations but all agreed that CIC and CHS both needed trees at their respective locations but that would require further discussion at a later date. Kirk Tilley also mentioned that it would be good to plant some trees by the new playground areas for shade at the following locations; Central Park, Griggs Park, Carter Park, and Kellogg Lake. The board all agreed to those locations. Tree Line USA donates anywhere from 15 -20 trees and CWEP maintains the trees.

4. Staff Reports

5. Other Business

Bryan Stringer gave a presentation to the Tree Board about attending America in Bloom. Bryan Stringer explained that America in Bloom gives an outside perspective and gives grades to the cities that typically have a population of 50,000 people or less. Being a part of America in Bloom can also help with grant opportunities. Bryan Stringer also provided a portion of the report he received while attending the event. He requested that the Tree Board read over the report and a discussion can be had at the next meeting. Bryan Stringer also stated that he would share the full report via email to Tree Board members.

6. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to adjourn item 6. by Noah Smith; second by Bryan Stringer; Motion with a 2:0
AYES:	Bryan Stringer, Noah Smith
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None