

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
TREE BOARD MINUTES**

June 16, 2020

5:30 P.M.

Via Zoom

To educate the Lake Saint Louis community on the importance of trees”

I. Call to Order: 5:35 p.m.

II. Roll Call Present Absent

Joe Mulitsch X _____

Roy Zirges X _____

Diane Arisman X _____

Carol Lynch X _____

Ken Spoden X _____

Also in Attendance: Darren Nolken, Director of Parks and Recreation
Gary Torlina, Aldermen Ward 1
Jacob McMains, Arborist Consultants with Davey's
Resource Group

Additions to the Agenda: none

Public Comment: Carol noticed a neighbor cutting down trees in their back yard and asked Darren if this is permitted. Darren said yes unless it’s a landmark tree. Landmark tree has as circumference of at least 24 inches for hardwood and 20 inches for softwood trees. Circumference is defined as the distance around the tree (diameter) divided by 3.14

III. Agenda

Approve minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting: Aldermen Torlina motioned and Diane seconded. Motion passed minutes approved.

IV. Staff Report

A. Removal of a Landmark Tree for Personal Safety

- Discussion of a Landmark tree with falling acorns. Currently one reason for removal of a Landmark tree is when “property or personal safety is compromised” Staff has never interpreted a normal function of a Landmark tree, such as falling acorns, as a safety issue and a reason for removal.
- Board discussion revolved around section III item 1, personal safety, of the Landmark Tree Removal Application and Darren’s memo to the Board on the “landmark Tree Code”. It was decided there could be liability for the City if a request for removal because of personal injury is denied. To clarify the issue Aldermen Torlina will ask the City Attorney if there is any liability for the City if a resident is injured because of something falling from a Landmark tree that is a normal function of the tree such as gumballs, acorns, etc. By consensus the Board agreed with Aldermen Torlina’s recommendation to leave the Landmark Tree ordinance the way it is and find out from the City Attorney what we should do as far as the safety part of the Ordinance is concerned. Further discussion at the next Tree Board meeting.

B. Review of Education Pieces for Display signs in Deer Ridge Park

Presentation by Jacob McMains

- Status: Illustrations and Language are complete. Background of the displays will be lighter color so pictures show better
- Access to the sun influences kind of species in sunny areas versus shade and under growth
- Displays are designed to appeal to all age groups and illustrate relations between habitats
- Joe Suggested that trees be labeled so they are identified by species. Labeling trees within eye shot of displays would give more clarification to the displays. Could establish different Tree I.D.’s along the trail network so there could be an interpretive Tree I.D walk.

C. Review of Trails

- Trails were marked and grass was cut in January 2020.
- During late June, July and August grass will be cut and trails will be set

D. Board Discussion

- Consensus is to have our July meeting in Blvd Park.

V. Adjourn

- Carol motioned and Gary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm