

CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS

TREE BOARD MINUTES

September 16, 2014

“The City of Lake Saint Louis Tree Board is devoted to the education, of children and adults on the importance of trees.”

I. Call to Order

II. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

ABSENT

Ann Finklang	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Chris Griffith	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Joe Mulitsch	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Dee Davenport	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Roy Zirges	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Alternate – Vacant	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Also in attendance: Alderwoman Karen Vennard, Liaison
Darren Noelken, Parks & Recreation Director
Margaret Kozozenski – Horticulturist
Skip Kincaid, Arborist Consultant via phone

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. MINUTES: August 19, 2014 Chris motioned to accept minutes, motioned passed.

V. STAFF REPORT: Arborist Kincaid

- Number of visits determining if a tree is hazardous and can be removed. The results of the visits:

There were 5 property inspections. All the trees were in bad shape, except for 1 inspection where there were 2 nice trees that were denied removal. Also completed 4 landscape reviews for Planning and Zoning.

VI. Old Business:

- Status of Trim Grant for ash trees and inventory of trees:
The City received the grant. Tree inventory will start this fall. The Arborist will mark trees by species so they can be mapped out using the GIS software program. From there the City will prioritize tree replacements and develop a plan for the future.

- Results of the Tree Board table at the Fall Festival: The TB shared a table with the Green Committee. A few pamphlets were handed out but apparently the cool weather kept attendance low.

VII. New Business

- Do we want to take part in "Plant for Peace" on Sunday October 5th, 2014? Groups around the region will participate in what's being billed as one of the largest honorary tree planting efforts of its kind as community members join together to "Plant for Peace".

After some discussion the Tree Board decided not to participate in the honorary tree planting.

- Is Lake Saint Louis eligible for the Growth Award for 2014 or what needs to be done to become eligible?
To get the growth award the City must earn 10 points. The City will earn enough points this year to get the growth award. Points will be earned for taking the tree inventory and putting it into Tree Keeper Software and providing educational information about the EAB on the City's website.

The City also qualifies for the Tree City USA designation. The Parks Department will submit the application for the Tree City USA designation and the Growth Award. Both are due by December 31st.

VIII. **BOARD DISCUSSION:** More information on the EAB was added to the City's website and announced in Newstime as well.

Death of Mayor Ralph Sidebottom on Sept 15, 2014: A sympathy card will be mailed to the Mayor's wife. The sidewalk on Freymuth Road is dedicated to the Mayor.

The Honeysuckle around a landmark Sassafras tree on Freymuth Rd will also be removed.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chris motioned to adjourn, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

To Do List: Identifying Landmark Trees in our community

Landmark tree on Freymuth Road