

**City of Lake Saint Louis
Tree Board Minutes
December 16, 2014**

The City of Lake Saint Louis 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: Alderman Michael Potter, B.O.A. Liaison
Darren Noelken, Parks & Recreation Director
Margaret Kozozenski - Horticulturist Technician

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. MINUTES Joe Mulitsch motioned to accept minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting.
Motion passed

VI. STAFF REPORT: Community Development received a request to remove a landmark tree at 718 Fernwood Terrace so the property owner can build a home. The Arborist will do an on-site review and make a recommendation to Community Development.

VII. Old Business:

- **Status of Tree City USA and Growth Award for 2014 applications:**
Applications were submitted. All requirements are met.
- **The City web site now has the revised listing for the recommended trees:**
- **What needs to be improved to make Arbor Day better next year?**
Over the last few months Several suggestions were presented including more activities for children. Another suggestion was a poster contest with students in two different classes competing to develop a poster for next year's Arbor Day. The contest could start in January with the winner announced at the Arbor Day event. It is anticipated the Tree Board will make a decision at the January 2015 meeting.

VIII. New Business:

- **Can the Companies listed on the city's web site having a certified arborist and a business license but received bad reviews from the residences be removed from the web site?** After some discussion it was decided change the wording on the City's website to: These vendors are

licensed and meet the minimum qualifications for the work they perform. They are not recommendations. Please research customer satisfaction before contracting with a vendor.

- **Recruiting new members for the Tree Board:** A notice asking for members appeared in Newstime. At this time no one has volunteered. The notice will be in Newstime again.
- **Status of the Trim Grant**
 - Tree inventory will be completed in February 2015.
 - There have been other sitings of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in the area. Earlier this year the Missouri Dept. of Agriculture set traps in Ash trees to find more EAB's. The traps have been taken down and there will be a report of their findings.
- **Fruit trees in Veterans Park?** The trees were dropping fruit but not causing a mess. No decision or discussion was made on the issue.
- **Sprint Cell Tower in Founders Park:** Trees around the tower, some of which were dead, have been removed and will not be replaced by the company that installed the tower. Darren will check the screening requirements in the contract to see if some trees can be planted around or in front of the tower.
- **Policy on replacing city trees in the parks once they are removed:** Currently there is no formal policy. However the City is planting more trees than they are removing. More trees will be planted in Founders Park this year.

XI. **BOARD DISCUSSION**

- **Date and plans for Arbor Day 2015:** To be Determined by the Board in January.
- **Election of new chairperson for the Tree Board:** To be elected in January 2015.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

- Chris Griffith motioned to adjourn. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday January 21, 2015 at 5:30 pm.