

**CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS**

**TREE BOARD MINUTES**

**December 15, 2020**

**5:30 P.M. Via Zoom**

**200 Civic Center Drive**

**Lake St. Louis, MO 63367**

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  

Also in Attendance: Darren Nolken, Director of Parks and Recreation

Jacob McMains, Arborist Consultant with Davey's  
Resource Group

**Additions to the Agenda:** Request to remove a Landmark tree because it is dropping gumballs on the driveway and sidewalk and the property owners have fallen

**III. Agenda**

**Public Comment**    None

**Approve the minutes** of the July 21,2020 meeting. Diane Motioned and Joe seconded.  
Motion passed.

#### **IV. Staff Report**

- **Deer Ridge Park-** The Restroom facility is almost complete. Appearance is compatible with surrounding homes. Because of concerns about the retaining wall the restroom was relocated to the middle of the parking lot on the backside facing the street.. When it's complete staff will re-evaluate the landscaping and some of the trees near the restroom.

**Work Completed in December-** not much was accomplished from August to November because of staff shortages. Since then in the last couple weeks staff has installed the benches, informational kiosk and trail marking posts. The educational pieces are printed and ready to mount on the posts that have been set

**Work to complete before opening date in early spring-** educational signs will be attached to the posts. Rock will be installed around the posts as well as the approaches to the bridges and some low areas in the Park. The shade structures and cables have been hauled on-site and concrete will be poured in the next few weeks. Mulch the entrance of the trail to the trees. Order and install the signage (maps and rules), trail markers, finish grading the trails, grind stumps, chip the debris on the side of trails and add landscaping

- **Planting Perennials at the end of Islands along Lake St Louis Blvd and the entrance to Blvd Park.**

Instead of planting annuals Staff decided it would be more cost effective to plant perennials. These plants should do well along a busy street.

'Cats Pajamas' Dwarf Catmint Nepeta hybrid

Magic Show 'Purple Illusion' Spike Speedwell Veronica hybrid

Brass Buckle Japanese Holly Ilex Crenata

Sombrero Adobe Orange Coneflower Echinacea hybrid

Fruit Punch 'Cranberry Cocktail' Pinks Dianthus hybrid

'Paint the Town Fuchsia' Pinks Dianthus hybrid

After a short discussion a motion was made by Diane to approve this selection of plants, Joe seconded. Motion passed. Moving forward the B.O.A. will need to approve and fund this plan in order for it to work.

- **Update on the effort to control of Honey Suckle in City parks in the last 2 months**

A resident expressed concerns to Darren about Honey Suckle in the City and especially the Parks.

To date Staff has dedicated a little over 200 hours to eradicating and stump spraying. Going Forward the plan will be to address removal of Honey Suckle from November thru the winter each year for the next 3 years. At that point Staff will evaluate progress and may contract the work. Currently we are about 40 to 25 feet into the woods in Founders Park

- **Staff received a request to remove a Sweet Gum tree for safety reasons.**

The property owners have fallen on gum balls and want approval to remove this landmark tree before they and their neighbors are injured in a fall. The property owners said they will replace it with a Maple or Dogwood tree. This request has been approved by the Community Association, subject to City approval.

## **V. Board Discussion**

- Update on Ash trees on Charlamagne. The City contacted property owners and was told H.O.A.'s are looking for a contractor to remove the trees and offer a group rate.
- We have an opening on the Tree Board.

## **VI. Adjourn**

- Joe motioned to adjourn and Diane seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm
- Next meeting will be February 16, 2021