

WARRENSBURG TREE BOARD  
BOARD MINUTES  
January 24, 2019

The Warrensburg Tree Board met in regular session on January 24, 2019 at the Warrensburg Community Center, 445 E. Gay St. The meeting was called to order by Suzy Latare at 4:05 pm.

Members in attendance: Suzy Latare, Leslie Bayless, Jay Raveill and Ray Crisp.

Others in attendance: Jason McCarty, Chuck Conner and Sara Lawson

- **Agenda:** Jay Raveill moved to approve the agenda with the following additions: 1) Downtown Trees, 2) December minutes, 3) Tree City USA and 4) 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Missouri Arbor Day Poster Contest. Leslie Bayless seconded. Approved 4-0.

- **Minutes:** Jay Raveill moved to approve the October 25, 2018 minutes. Leslie Bayless seconded. Approved 4-0.

Ray Crisp moved to approve the December 8, 2018 minutes. Leslie Bayless seconded. Approved 4-0.

- **Discussion Items**

- **Board Members and Terms**

- One position to fill

General discussion about unexpired term and the difficulty in finding new board members. Jay Raveill has some possibilities and will follow up on those and we will see about another newspaper article.

- **Education/Outreach efforts**

- **Spring Events**

- Arbor Day

Suzy Latare announced that April 13<sup>th</sup> is the Old Drum Festival so we may want to rethink our Tree Party date. General discussion about possible dates. Leslie Bayless will coordinate with Trails Regional Library to schedule for the morning of April 27<sup>th</sup>, if possible.

- Earth Day

Suzy Latare reports that CEA's Earth Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We do not have the time yet but has always been in the afternoon which will allow our Tree Party in the morning. General discussion about possible activities and a tree raffle. Tabled further discussion until next month.

- MCFC Conference

Suzy Latare reminded that the conference is scheduled for March 13-15, 2019, in St. Louis this year and Ray Crisp confirmed that he will attend.

- **Articles/Stories for Daily Star Journal**

Ray Crisp confirms that he has submitted two articles and is working on a third. Leslie Bayless has copies of them if needed for TRIM or Tree City USA.

**Other Business**

➤ **Downtown Trees**

General discussion about the condition of the trees downtown and the need for maintenance and/or replacement. General discussion about using a TRIM Grant to help with replacement costs. Jason McCarty will look into a meeting between city officials, Chuck Conner, Suzy Latare and perhaps a representative from Main Street in the hopes of a coordinated effort on this project.

➤ **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Missouri Arbor Day Poster Contest**

Leslie Bayless reports that eight packets of information about this were delivered to the Warrensburg School Administration office for distribution to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and art teachers. However, she received no confirmation that any class entered the contest and suggests that we watch for this event and get it publicized early this fall.

➤ **Tree City USA**

Suzy Latare confirmed that the application was submitted on time!

- **Next Meeting Date:** February 28, 2019 at 4:00 pm

- **Adjourn:** Leslie Bayless moved to adjourn the meeting, Jay Raveill seconded. Approved 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Suzy Latare, Chair