

WARRENSBURG TREE BOARD  
BOARD MINUTES  
September 27, 2018

The Warrensburg Tree Board met in regular session on September 27, 2018 at the Warrensburg Community Center, 445 E. Gay St. The meeting was called to order by Suzy Latare at 4:12 pm.

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

Others in attendance: Jason McCarty

- **Agenda:** Leslie Bayless moved to approve the agenda as written. Jay Raveill seconded. Approved 4-0.
- **Minutes:** Jay Raveill moved to approve the August 30th, minutes. Leslie Bayless seconded. Approved 4-0.
- **Discussion Items**

- **Welcome to new member – Ray Crisp**

Ray Crisp introduced himself as being from Lincoln, Nebraska and was a retired educator. He is very interested in promoting the education of the value of trees.

- **Current Terms of Members**

Suzy Latare reports the terms expiring as listed below:

Suzy Latare: 2020 plus 1 term

Leslie Bayless: 2019

Jay Raveill: 2018 plus 1 term

Ray Crisp: 2019 plus 2 terms

Unexpired term:

General Discussion about possible new member for the expired term and the confusion of terms expiring throughout the year. Leslie Bayless moved that we adopt a term expiration date of September 30 to coincide with our fiscal year. Suzy Latare seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

- **Education/Outreach efforts**

- Fall Events

- Forest ReLeaf of Missouri

Suzy Latare reports that she has contacted Sarah at Heartland Tree Alliance to hopefully get our trees a ride from St. Louis to Kansas City, or even better to Chuck Conner's house. She has also been in contact with Parks and Recreation, UCM and Wills about preferred tree species. She is expecting to hear back on all these contacts.

We definitely need to have some volunteers at planting time to insure the trees get the best possible start!

- Spring Events

- Planting Workshop

General Discussion. Perhaps in conjunction with the Forest ReLeaf Program to train some volunteers? Need to check with Chuck Conner on scheduling.

- Arbor Day

Suzy Latare reports that the Tree Party was a success and she would like to see us continue that. Perhaps April 27<sup>th</sup>?

- Earth Day

Suzy Latare will check with CEA to see if date is scheduled. Leslie Bayless advised she is working on some sort of game that would draw kids to our table.

➤ **Tree Board Budget for FY19**

Jay Raviell reported that he attended the City Council Meeting for our budget request. Jason McCarty advised that the Council met this past Monday but he has not seen any minutes so we do not know yet if approved.

➤ **Tree City USA Application**

Suzy Latare reminded that this is due on December 31<sup>st</sup> as always. Leslie Bayless advised that she has done this for the last several years but as her term is expiring next year we need to work on this together so someone else can take it over! General discussion. Will try to work on this at the next meeting.

• **Other Business**

➤ **November Meeting date**

General discussion. Possibly November 29<sup>th</sup>? Tabled until next month.

- **Next Meeting Date:** October 25, 2018 at 4:00 pm

- **Adjourn:** Leslie Bayless moved to adjourn the meeting, Jay Raveill seconded. Approved 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

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Approved by Suzy Latare, Chair