



## *Bel Aire Tree Board*

### **CITY HALL – SENIOR CENTER**

#### **MINUTES**

**Monday August 28, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order:** By Chairperson Rebecca Armstrong

**II. Roll Call:**

- a. Sylvia McCombs \_\_NO\_\_
- b. Gary Northwall \_\_YES\_\_
- c. Hilde Yops \_\_YES\_\_
- d. Bruce Roepke \_\_YES\_\_
- e. Jesse Miller \_\_NO\_\_
- f. Emily Ryder \_\_NO\_\_
- g. Rebecca Armstrong \_\_YES\_\_

**III. Guests: Matthew McKernan: canceled**

<https://www.sedgwick.k-state.edu/gardening-lawn-care/trees-shrubs-flowers/>

**IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

**Action:** Motion to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023 Tree Board meeting.

Motion: Hilde \_\_ Second : Bruce \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: All YES \_\_\_\_\_

**v. Board Member Reports/Comments**

**Sylvia: NA**

**Hilde: Central Park Update**

**City not replacing tree that was planted on Arbor Day celebration in Central Park. Wonders if still under warranty. It should not have died. Smaller trees are doing better. Hope city plants smaller trees in the future and to plant trees in fall, not April.**



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**Gary: Update General Communications: Marty says fluffing mulch is O in Bel Aire Park and in Central Park. Wants us to keep track of time.**

**Bruce: Update seedlings—some of them are struggling.**

**Jesse:NA**

**Emily: NA**

**Rebecca: Opportunities. After some discussion a letter to Ty Lasher asking what the plan is for planting trees along Woodlawn was decided. Also request that we get a different day for Arbor Day so that we can do a Community Education event at the Community Center City Hall. Will CC the Tree Board members on the letter so we will all know response.**

**VI. Old Business: Night Out: How did it go? What can we improve on? Location, Location, Location....next year in the right place at the start!**

### **VII. New Business:**

- 1. Brainstorm: How do we become more visible and have more of an impact?**
  - i. Woodlawn Project: Trees, Bushes, Shrubs....oh my! A letter to Ty Lasher asking about the trees and shrubs being planted along Woodlawn and asking for a different day for Arbor Day so we can have event.**
  - ii. Compost: Christmas Tree chips and leaves. Talked about there used to be a place for compost and growing trees. Ask about whether there is such a possibility to get such a place again.**
- 2. Approved to have a column in Breeze every month.**
  - a. First: What does being a Tree City USA Mean? 4 criteria**
  - b. Second: Best time to Plant a Tree**
  - c. Third: Good Trees to Plant**
  - d. Forth: K State Extension and Forestry**
- 3. Fall Fest**
  - a. Meredith Gannon donated 10 maple trees about a foot high. Along with the elms we have from Gary and the Japanese Maples from Bruce we can transplant and give away trees and repeat the planting of small trees with the kids.**
  - b. Celebrating trees and the better time to plant**



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them.....Oct/Nov.....so  
what to do on Arbor Day?  
Letter to Ty Lasher to see

about another Day that does not interfere with Lion's Club  
recycling event.

### VIII. Adjournment: Next Meeting September 25

**Action:** Motion to adjourn. 7:00pm

Motion \_\_Gary\_\_ Second \_\_Bruce\_\_ Vote: all yes \_\_\_\_\_

### VOLUNTEER HOURS

NAME	DATE	ACTIVITIES	
Gary Northwall	August 23	Night Out 2 hours Meeting 1	3
Jesse Miller			
Sylvia McCombs	Aug 23	Night Out 2 hours	2
Emily Ryder	Aug 23	5 hours Night Out	5
Bruce Roepke	Aug 23	Seedlings, Meeting	1.75
Rebecca Armstrong	Aug 23	Night Out 6 hours, Meeting prep 3 hours	9 hours
Hilde Yop	Aug 23	Meeting	1 hr
Total			21.75