



Bel Aire Tree Board

CITY HALL – SENIOR CENTER

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 24, 2022 6PM

I. Call to Order: By Chairperson Gary Northwall

II. Roll Call:

Sylvia McCombs: Yes. Gary Northwall: Yes. Rebecca Armstrong: No
Bruce Roepke: No. Jesse Miller: Yes. Hilde Yops: Yes

III. Guests: Emily Ryder, Mayor Jim Benage

IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Action: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022 Tree Board meeting.

Motion: Sylvia Second: Hilde Vote: All yea

V. Board Member Reports/Comments

Sylvia: Commented that she thought that our presence at the Fall Festival went well.

Said that she has been in touch with Tristin Terhune, the City's Communications Director, about getting attention for the Tree Board on Social Media. A possible early November meeting will be scheduled. Jesse will also be involved in this meeting.

Said that she is trying to schedule a meeting with City Attorney, Jacqueline Kelly, to discuss ways to keep the Tree Board's portion of the City's website up to date.

Engaged Emily Ryder in conversation about the Tree City USA poster contest for 5th graders.

Hilde: Commented that she thought that the Board's presence at Fall Festival went well, that she talked to a lot of people and that the acorns and pine cones that we gave out were a hit.

Said that our table at National Night Out this year did not draw much interest, probably because of its location inside. She mentioned that if we participate in NNO next year we might want to circulate outside and hand out Tree Board information there.

Participated in the Tree City USA discussion with Sylvia and Emily.

Jesse: Will be involved with Sylvia in discussions with Tristin about the Board's use of social media.

Gary: Commented that the Volunteer Application in the Water Bill mailing was a good idea.

Said that he took the excess candy that was left over from Fall Festival to City Hall.

Gary will compile a spreadsheet of 2022 Tree Board hours and will email the spreadsheet to Dave Leiker for his use in filing for Tree City USA purposes.

Old Business:

A: None.

New Business:

A: Tree City USA Poster Contest: Because of interest from Emily Ryder and her discussion of this with Sylvia and Hilde we will consider reviving our participation in this contest for the 2023 school year.

B: Discussed with prospective Tree Board volunteer, Emily Ryder, her interest in joining the Tree Board.

C: Mayor Benage questioned the Board about information on good types of turf grasses in this area. Sylvia will research this and inform the mayor. We explained to Mayor Benage how we use Kansas State research and Sedgwick County Extension for our information source as they are the specialists.

B: Next meeting date...February 27, 2023 at 6PM at City Hall.

VI. Adjournment:

Action: Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Hilde. Second: Jesse. Vote: Yes unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 PM.