



**CITY HALL – SENIOR CENTER**

**Monday July 24, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

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

**II. Roll Call:**

a. Sylvia McCombs \_\_yes\_\_

b. Gary Northwall \_\_no\_\_

c. Hilde Yops \_\_yes\_\_

d. Bruce Roepke \_\_no\_\_

e. Jesse Miller \_\_yes\_\_

f. Emily Ryder \_\_yes\_\_

g. Rebecca Armstrong \_\_yes\_\_

**III. Guests:** None

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

**Action:** Motion to approve the minutes of the June 26 2023 Tree Board meeting.

**Motion** \_\_Rebecca\_\_ **Second** \_\_Jesse\_\_ **Vote:** \_\_All Yes\_\_

**v. Board Member Reports/Comments**

**Sylvia: General update** - Arbor Day tree is dead, Hilde informed Gary to be channeled up to the city Arborist. Concerns regarding the size and season of future planted trees, they should be planted in Fall. Rebecca will contact the Lions Club & Marty Mcgee/Shannon DeWeese.

**Hilde:** Central Park Update, Arbor Day tree dead.



## *Bel Aire Tree Board*

**Jesse: Update on City Website and Facebook** - No new information, waiting for guidance. Will reach out again.

**Emily: Education update** - Idea for a possible raffle for tree and plaque. August 11th, National Night Out - Tree Board will have a table, tree planting, hopscotch, and candy incentive.

**Rebecca: Opportunities Schools, Parks, open spaces** - Concern that schools are not caring for trees properly/no mulch. Has scheduled Kansas State extension contact, Matt McKernan, to speak about planting trees – will try to make future speaking engagement a public meeting for more city leaders and community attendance. New developments are taking out trees. There is a need for more walkable shaded areas.

vi. **Old Business:** Last month's Rec center meeting revealed playground equipment plans.

vii. **New Business:**

1. **Brainstorm: How do we become more visible and have more of an impact?** - More social media and city site presence. Reasonable impact at city events.
2. **What do you want to get involved in? If each person picks something to report on/ inform us about it spreads the work and increases the ideas:**
  - a. Events
  - b. Education
  - c. Speakers
  - d. Celebrating trees
3. **Education:**
  - a. **Public and private Schools:** 5th grade poster competition option.
  - b. **Speakers**
    - i. **List of speakers you would like to hear from?**
      1. Extension Service
      2. Arborists

**3. Environmental professors**

**4. Authors**

**5. other – Great Plains Nature Center,**

**VIII. Adjournment:**

**Action:** Motion to adjourn.

Motion \_\_Emily\_\_ Second \_\_Sylvia\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_All Yes\_\_ Meeting  
adjourned at: \_\_\_\_\_7:12\_\_\_\_\_ P.M

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**

NAME	DATE	ACTIVITIES	HOURS
Gary Northwall			1
Jesse Miller	7/24/23	Meeting	1.5
Sylvia McCombs	7/24/23	Meeting	1.5
Emily Ryder	7/24/23	Emails, soil donation, and meeting	2.5
Bruce Roepke		Meeting	1
Rebecca Armstrong	7/24/23		3.0
Hilde Yops	7/24/23		2

Total: 12.5