

Warrensburg Tree Board Minutes

28 April 2022

Members in attendance: Stephen Wilson (Chair), Jay Raveill, Paul Shaffer

Members absent: Bonnie Seymore, Ray Crisp

Others attending: Jason McCarty (Warrensburg Public Works)

- The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm.
- The Agenda was approved by consensus
- Discussion Items
 - The Warrensburg Mayor issued on Arbor Day Proclamation on 24 April 2022; a copy was sent to Jason McCarty.
 - It was suggested that a list of recommended arborists could be constructed based on a list of contractors who have worked on Warrensburg city projects. This list would then be posted on the Board's website with links to the MDC website. Jay Raveill will contact Carl Larkerbrink about obtaining a list of contractors.
 - An article on the NPR website (<https://www.kcur.org/news/2022-04-12/in-johnson-county-biologists-are-poisoning-trees-to-save-birds-and-butterflies>) indicated that people who cut down invasive pear trees on their property can get a free tree sent to them. Steve Wilson will contact Sara Larson at the Daily Star Journal to request an article about this project.
 - Jason provided information on the Board's budget. Funds are available from Tree Board workshops (\$50), public displays (\$20), and for two members to attend a Missouri Community Forestry Council conference. He also said that there is reimbursement available for up to \$10,000 for TRIM Grant projects. He will ask Chuck Connor, MDC Liaison, what entities are eligible for TRIM Grant projects.
 - The Board discussed the protocols for recommending planting of particular tree species and that it would be appropriate if the Board was consulted.
- The following motion was made by Paul, seconded by Jay, and passed unanimously:

The Warrensburg Tree Board requests that the City Council provide an update on directions and activities for the Tree Board pertaining to City Ordinance 4474.

- The next meeting will be on 26 May 2022 at 4:00 pm in the Warrensburg Community Center
- The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:28 pm

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Approved by Steve Wilson