

**Garden City Parks & Tree Board  
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: February 16, 2016

**Call to Order:** David Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 5:45 pm.

**Members present:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	David Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	Mike Ramsey	<input type="checkbox"/> N	JD Klempa – Dist. Forester
<input type="checkbox"/> N	Pat Geier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	Larry Scheuchzer		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	John Brennaman	<input type="checkbox"/> N	David Coltrain		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	Ed Sattler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	Andy Liebelt - Liaison		

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by John Brennaman and seconded Larry Scheuchzer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Ed Sattler and seconded by John Brennaman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

**Fund Report:**

A. General Account –

Andy will receive the final 2016 budget numbers in the next few weeks. Until then, the \$41,122.11 general account and \$87,527 tree trimming and landscape account balances are best estimates. The same holds true for last month.

**Staff Report**

A. Report on current department issues - Sam Curran's father died Sunday, February 14.

1. Finnup Foundation. A Finnup Foundation grant request of \$42,000 was submitted to Matt Allen for his comment, combined with the zoo's request. \$20,000 of the request is for irrigation system repair in Finnup Park. Andy would like to test the new computer control system technology on the 110 acres in Finnup Park and Zoo.
2. Museum parking lot landscape. Department staff members are currently moving trees from the nursery to the Museum parking lot. Some of the trees have grown too large to move with the city's spade.
3. Memorial Tree. Motion Mike Ramsey, seconded by John Brennaman to plant Hot Wings maple as per Andy's recommendation.
4. Fansler Field Project Update. 600 tons of 50/50 sand-clay mix from J&S Sand has been put down on the infield. The sod is in and the fence is up. The pitcher's mound needs to be built up. The field looks good. the fence has a gate that can be locked.
5. Lightner Stadium Project Update. Installation of backstop netting is nearly done. The artificial turf is being installed. Baseball practice starts on February 29.
6. Subsurface Irrigation Update. Fred Jones is applying for a grant. The plan is to re-do the Kansas Avenue system to avoid overspray onto the street. No timeframe has been set.
7. Poster Contest Report. The local Arbor Day poster placed first in the SW district and will advance to the state judging.

8. Z-Max Sprayer. The sprayer is in, and Andy's comment is "awesome."

### **VI Committee Reports**

A. Recommended Tree Report. Mike Ramsey asked someone else to take his place and chair the committee. David Miller volunteered.

### **VII Unfinished Business**

A. Poster Contest. Andy needs to have the local posters matted and purchase gift certificates. Arbor Day is April 29.

B. City Arborist Breakfast, Thursday, February 25. The board suggested holding the breakfast at Ward's Café.

### **VII. New Business**

A. Sunflower Trail - Andy handed out an aerial photo. At least ¼ to ½ mile is needed to apply for the trail grant. Mike Ramsey suggested a trail to E-SE Community Park that goes by the new water park and the city's fitness center. Mike Ramsey suggested using the existing under highway crossings as the city of Overland Park does for the Indian Creek Trail.

B. Citizen's Academy. Andy announced the academy, FYI.

C. Butterfly Sanctuary Project. Andy briefly reported this is a new Lee Richardson Zoo project. It's not clear what role the Parks Department will play.

### **IX. Announcements.**

A. None

**Scheduled next meeting** – The next meeting will be March 22, and after that April 19.

**Adjournment** – Motion was made by John Brennaman and seconded by Larry Scheuchzer. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 pm.