

**City of Westwood Hills
Tree Board Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2016**

The 2016 meeting of the Westwood Hills, Kansas, Tree Board was called to order by Mayor Paula Schwach at 8:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Schwach, Randy Brown, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, Ludwig Villasi, and John Weedman.

Motion by Podrebarac to approve the agenda. Second by Brown. All aye. Motion approved.

Plan for Arbor Day – Villasi proposed to plant an Eastern Redbud tree on the south side of the creek bed on The Green near the location of the gas lamp. Several small volunteer trees will be removed from that location. Villasi and resident Kerry Stanley will handle removal of the volunteer trees, resident Renee Miller will select the specific tree to be planted, and Brian Ritter will be requested to plant the tree. **Villasi moved to approve the plan for the Arbor Day planting and recommend the same to City Council. Second by Brown. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Mayor Schwach will announce the BMP Cost Share Program for tree planting at the Arbor Day celebration

Arbor Day Proclamation – Mayor Schwach shared with the Tree Board the planned Arbor Day Proclamation which is to be read at the Arbor Day observance on March 26, 2016. **Motion by Shelor Sexton to recommend approval of the Proclamation to the City Council. Second by Brown. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Tree Planting Reimbursement Program – **Motion by Weedman** to recommend to the Council that the City continue the tree planting reimbursement program under which the City will reimburse a homeowner for one half the cost (up to \$100) for the planting of any tree within the City's right-of-way, provided that the tree is listed on the City's approved tree list. **Second by Brown. All aye. Motion approved.**

New Tree Ordinances – No new tree ordinances were presented.

Motion to Adjourn the Tree Board Meeting – **Weedman moved that the Tree Board meeting be adjourned and that the Council resume its regular March meeting. Second by Podrebarac. All aye. Motion approved.** Tree board meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.