

**City of Westwood Hills
Tree Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018**

The 2018 meeting of the Westwood Hills, Kansas, Tree Board was called to order by Mayor Paula Schwach at 8:08 p.m.

Present: Mayor Schwach, Mary Becker, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, Ludwig Villasi, City Clerk O'Bryan and City Attorney Orr were present.

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

Motion to approve the 2017 Tree board minutes by Shelor Sexton. Seconded by Villasi. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Plan for Arbor Day –

Councilwoman Becker provided a plan to remove the three crab apple trees on the 49th St. island because these trees are reaching the end of their lifespan. KC Arborist provided the best bid at \$685.00. In place of the crab apple trees, Mary recommended planting three Japanese Tree Lilacs, cultivar Ivory Silk. Becker reported that we may need to remove some of the boxwoods in order to remove the trees and grind the stumps. Ritter can do this for \$10 per boxwood plant.

Becker moved to recommend to council expending up to \$2,800.00 to remove the crab apple trees and purchase and plant three Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilacs, with Becker to contact Rose Hill and arrange for purchasing and planting of the trees, and Ritter to remove and replant the boxwoods. Shelor Sexton seconded. All in favor. Recommendation will be made to the Council.

BMP Cost Share Program

Mayor Schwach reported that the program includes native plantings and buffers and swales and rain gardens and installation of permeable surfaces. The City has again received a grant from the County; the 2018 amount is \$5,000.00 for this program.

Becker moved and Shelor Sexton seconded to recommend that Council approve the BMP cost sharing program for 2018. All in favor. Motion passed.

Arbor Day Proclamation – Mayor Schwach shared with the Tree Board the Arbor Day Proclamation which is to be read at the City's Arbor Day observance on March 31, 2018. **Motion by Podrebarac to recommend approval of the Proclamation to the City Council. Second by Becker. All in favor. Motion approved.**

New Tree Ordinances – No new tree ordinances were presented.

Tree Planting Reimbursement Program – Schwach asked the Tree Board members if they want to revisit the program. Podrebarac mentioned that the approved street tree list is a wider list than the BMP Native Tree list. Schwach reported that for a sum of money, the city can enter into a program with another company to administer a tree planting program. Tree Board indicated no interest in either program.

Villasi moved that the Tree Board meeting be adjourned and that the Council resume its regular March meeting. Second by Shelor Sexton. All aye. Motion approved.

Tree board meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.