

CITY OF ABILENE
TREE BOARD
MEETING AGENDA

March 22, 2016

Meet at Eisenhower Elementary at 5:00 p.m.
Meeting to follow at Abilene Public Library
209 NW 4th St.

Agenda Item
Call to Order & Roll Call.
Approval of Agenda.
Approval of the Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2016.
Business. 1. Arbor Day ~ Fourth Grade Foresters. 2. EAB Update.
Comments. <i>Next meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2016.</i>
Adjournment.

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MEETING MINUTES**

**January 26, 2016
at 5:30 p.m.
Abilene Public Library ~ Jordan Room
209 NW 4th St.**

Members Present: John Barbur (Vice-Chair), Jack Gilstrap, Johnny Kinder, Christina Krause (Chair)

Members Absent: Jacob Hawk

Staff Present: Jane Foltz, Parks & Recreation Director, Corey Jones, Park Maintenance Supervisor, Jennie Hiatt, Administrative Assistant and Daniel Shea, Community Development Director

Others Present: Tiffany Roney, Reflector Chronicle and Dennis Weishaar, Mayor

Item A. Call to Order – Welcome.

Vice-Chair Barbur called the meeting to order.

Hiatt took roll call.

Item B. Approval of Agenda.

Kinder made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Gilstrap. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Item C. Approval of Minutes – October 27, 2015.

Kinder made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Gilstrap. The motion passed unanimously. (3-0)

Item D. Business.

1. Update on Kansas Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Hiatt gave an update on the poster contest. There will be one winner submitted from St. Andrew's Elementary and ten winners from Eisenhower Elementary. The posters are to be turned in by Friday, January 29th and then they will be judged by several Arts Council Board Members to determine an overall winner to be submitted to the state level. John volunteered to hand deliver the winning poster to Manhattan. Hiatt plans to make certificates for the eleven winners, similar to the ones handed out for Fourth Grade Foresters.

There was discussion.

2. Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan.

Barbur gave an overview and reviewed a hand-out of 15 brainstorming ideas that he put together regarding creating an EAB response plan. Kansas has been very proactive, much better than surrounding states, but that doesn't change the fact that there isn't any money available. Need to communicate with the community without creating panic.

Krause arrived at the meeting at 5:50 pm.

Gilstrap left the meeting at 6:00 pm.

There was discussion. Need to evaluate the cost to the City with the numbers in the parks and easements. The GIS tree program that the county has needs to be updated with the trees that have been removed by Parks and Recreation.

Staff was able to obtain the word document from the City of Lenexa of their Emerald Ash Borer Plan.

3. Trees for Eisenhower Elementary.

Hiatt stated that she had visited with Denise Guy and they currently do not have a plan in place. The Tree Boards budget for 2016 is \$3,000. Five trees plus labor were allotted at the end of 2015.

There was discussion.

Plan to meet at Eisenhower Elementary with Denise Guy and Dallas Meneley prior to March's meeting to discuss Arbor Day planting.

Item F. Comments.

Tree City USA will be in Newton this year.

The next meeting will be on March 22, 2016.

Item G. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Minutes Submitted,

Minutes Approved,

Jennie J. Hiatt
Administrative Assistant Community Development

Christina Krause, Chair or
John Barbur, Vice-Chair