

Minutes for the Independence Tree Board
For their meeting on Wednesday, February 13th, 2019

Meeting Location: Riverside Park Office
Time: 5:30 PM

Members in attendance:

Leslie Fox
Twila Brooks Hawthorn
David Parker
Michelle Anderson

Others in attendance

England Porter
Chere Parker
Alan McKenzie

The Independence Tree Board approved the minutes for their meeting on Wednesday, November 14th, 2018. Michelle Anderson motioned for approval. David Parker seconded. The motion carried.

The Independence Tree Board discussed a downtown tree trimming work day with the assistance of Rachel Lyon. The Tree Board decided to chose a weekend date at the beginning of March.

The Tree Board discussed Arbor Day 2019

David Parker, with the assistance of his wife Chere Parker, and Michelle Anderson volunteered to organize the Art Contest. They will discuss and come up with a plan based on the format used in previous years.

The Independence Tree Board agreed to observe Arbor Day on April 27th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Logan Fountain at the Riverside Park. Arbor Day will relocate to the 4-H building in the event of bad weather. Tables will be provided for educational displays. The Tree Board discussed interest in having game stations with educational games. The Tree Board discussed fund-raising and sponsorship. The board agreed to make a one page hand out looking for sponsors to be distributed to all the businesses around Independence. TLC Nursery volunteered to provide trees to give away at Arbor Day 2019. Michelle Anderson volunteered to contact the Forestry Service for hand-outs. She also volunteered to contact Lisa Wilson about publicity.

Tim McDonnell from the Kansas Forestry Service spoke to the Tree Board. He suggested that Pennsylvania Avenue needs the most tree trimming attention. He suggested making a few expansions to the Tree Board's existing Urban Tree Plan. He thought it would be a good idea to add a section about hypoxylon in regards to Maples, Pine wilt, and Dutch Elm disease. He suggested conducting a street tree survey and adding tree diameters to our assessments. He gave the Tree Board many notes detailing his suggestions.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 PM

Twila Motioned
Michelle seconded
Motion carried

Leslie Fox

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The Independence Tree Board discussed outreach. The board decided to create its own Facebook site and email address for public management. The board advised adding limits on sponsorship recognition.

The board discussed Arbor Day 2019. Leslie Fox presented a list of organizations that requested table space at Arbor Day 2019; TLC Nursery, the Native American Fellowship inc., the Independence Science and Technology Center, and the Diversity Task Force. England Porter added that Green Chalice also requested table space.

The Independence Tree Board discussed the Arbor Day Art Contest. Twila Brooks Hawthorn motioned to change the Arbor Day Art Contest to an event that would occur at Arbor Day 2019 in its totality. Michelle Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried. England Porter volunteered to gather materials for the Art Contest project. The board set aside a specific table for the Art Contest. Chere Parker volunteered to gather a panel of judges.

Twila Brooks Hawthorn informed the board that TLC Nursery would donate 200 trees for distribution at Arbor Day 2019.

Meeting adjourned: 6:45 PM



Minutes for the Independence Tree Board
For their meeting on Wednesday, March 13th, 2019

Meeting location: Tennis Club House
Time: 5:30 PM

Members in attendance:

Leslie Fox
Twila Brooks Hawthorn
Michelle Anderson
David Parker

Others in attendance:

Barbara Beurskins
England Porter
Chere Parker

The Independence Tree Board approved their minutes for their meeting on Wednesday, February 27th, 2019. Michelle Anderson motioned. Twila Brooks Hawthorn seconded. The motion carried.

The Tree Board members approved of the efforts that had been made in the construction of their new Facebook Page and email address. They also approved of the efforts that had been made by Leslie Fox towards Arbor Day publications in the Independence Reporter and Montgomery County Chronicle news papers. David Parker volunteered to organize the distribution of Arbor Day fliers to USD 446 and Independence private schools. David Parker also volunteered to help with the distribution of Arbor Day fliers in the downtown area and at convenience stores. The Board suggested requesting printing to be carried out by the Chamber of Commerce. Michelle Anderson volunteered to email the flier to the Independence churches.

The Independence Tree Board discussed further actions needed to be taken for preparation towards Arbor Day 2019. The board still needed to contact the Mayor to invite him to the event. Leslie Fox volunteered to invite Lisa Wilson to provide face painters. Leslie Fox volunteered to put together a Tree Board summer volunteer sign up sheet. No one had volunteered to judge the Arbor Day Art Contest. Leslie Fox volunteered to invite the artists at Eclectix to judge. The Tree Board agreed that all grades, pre-K through 12th, would have an opportunity to participate in the Art Contest.

Barbara Beurskins volunteered to contact the State Department of Transportation to discuss putting up the Tree City USA signs. Twila Brooks Hawthorn volunteered to organize more downtown tree trimming weekends. Twila also agreed to inform Barbara Beurskins of the appropriate time to spray the city trees.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 PM

