



Bel Aire Tree Board

**Meeting Minutes
CITY HALL – SENIOR CENTER
Monday February 27, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

I. **Call to Order:** By Chairperson Gary Northwall

II. **Roll Call:**

Sylvia McCombs	no	Gary Northwall	yes		
Hilde Yops	yes	Rebecca Armstrong	yes	Bruce Roepke	yes
Jesse Miller	yes	Emily Ryder	yes		

III. **Guests: NONE**

IV. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Action: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 Tree Board meeting.

Motion: Bruce Second: Emily Vote: All Aye to Accept

V. **Board Member Reports/Comments**

Sylvia: na {Not sure if Sylvia met

Hilde: nothing

Rebecca: ICT Trees in Wichita starting up again. Have been in contact and invited to events but have not gone to one yet. Also ICT TreeHuggers, similar group was started. They have a Facebook

presence. Some of the trees at NEM [Northeast Magnet] have died and need to be replaced.

Bruce: 60 Maple seeds to plant. Too late to plant tonight. Arranged to plant them sometime this month.

Jesse : Not sure if Sylvia met with Jackie about website. W*ill contact Sylvia to find out.

Emily: Working on Natural Resources degree. Clarified that Hours for mulching and volunteering, including family and friends can be added.

Gary: Tree City USA 2022 taking place in Derby this year. Hilde and Gary both were interested in going. Rebecca could only attend tour at John Pare. Gary will submit request to City for payment. New Parks Manager- Marty McGee has replaced Dave Liekert. Gary has only talked with him a few times. Shannon DeWeise is still the arborist. Gary has American Elm Survivor Tree in his back yard. Explained the Survivor Tree history and the annual Oklahoma City bombing memorial and Survivor Tree give away.

VI. Old Business: NONE

VII. New Business:

A: Summary of the Tree Board's accomplishments this past year. (Arbor Day/National Night Out/Fall Festival/Mulching in Central Park).Volunteer hours (Compiled by Gary)

B: Who wants to go to the Kansas Tree City USA tour at Bartlett Arboretum and the John C. Pair Horticultural Center on Wednesday March 22, 2023. Hilde and Gary to go. Rebecca may go on tour.

C: Who wants to go to the Kansas Tree City USA Meeting in Derby on Thursday March 23rd; Hilde and Gary want to go. Everyone else is working.

C: Preliminary preparation for Arbor Day 2023 observance.

At Northeast Magnet. Rebecca will get approval to plant 2 trees on Friday April 21 and ask when would be the best time for students to help.

D: Ideas on projects for this year (2023):

Mulching/mulch fluffing in any/all City Parks. Does not have to be done by the whole group. Hours by friends and family can also Count towards Tree City USA hours.

E: Next meeting date...March 27, 2023 at 6PM at City Hall.

VIII. Adjournment:

Action: Motion to adjourn.

Motion Rebecca Second Jesse Vote: All Aye

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30pm

**TREE BOARD VOLUNTEER HOUR LOG
NOVEMBER 2022 TO FEBRUARY 2023**

GARY	PREP FOR MEETING & MEETING	8 HRS
EMILY	meeting	1.5
HILDE	meeting	1.5
BRUCE	Maple seeds, meeting	2 hrs
JESSE	meeting	1.5
REBECCA	Meeting; watering and care of trees at NEM	13.5
Sylvia	Meetings and Trip to Extension Office and	3.0

	City Hall to Check Document Shelf	
Total:		31.0 hours