**Cassandra** Collins

Lansing Tree Board Application

October 29, 2024

- 1. I am enthusiastic about the possible opportunity to serve on the Lansing Tree Board, as I am deeply committed to preserving our community's green spaces. Since moving to Lansing in 2017, I have consistently engaged in efforts to keep our walking paths clean, often picking up litter alongside my children to instill in them the value of maintaining shared, pristine environments. My love for the outdoors inspires me to actively enjoy and promote the use of our city's walking paths, and I believe it is essential to safeguard these natural resources for future generations. I am dedicated to advancing our community's environmental sustainability and would be honored to bring my insights and passion to the Tree Board.
- 2. My personal philosophy regarding community trees is rooted in a profound belief in the power of shared green spaces to enhance mental health and foster positive connections among residents. I am passionate about creating environments where everyone can enjoy nature and experience its calming effects. Additionally, I deeply value the importance of preserving natural habitats for local wildlife, ensuring that animals can thrive alongside our communities. I envision communities benefiting from more nature trails that not only promote physical activity but also encourage a deeper appreciation for the outdoors. By investing in our trees and green spaces, we can cultivate healthier, more vibrant communities for both people and wildlife.
- 3. If chosen to be a member of the Tree Board, my desired accomplishments would include the preservation of our nature trails that encourage residents to explore and connect with our natural environment. I would love to work with the city to promote incentives for individuals and businesses to plant native trees in their yards and cultivate native ecosystems, enhancing biodiversity and resilience within our community. I would also like to help the city to promote the efforts that are being made to help maintain our status as a Tree City USA.
- 4. I would be willing to attend the board meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of January, March, May, September and November at 6 PM.
- 5. Personal References -
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  - Jamie Pursel 33538 Santa Fe Trail, Easton, KS 66020 620-762-2424
  - Maeve Belanger 109 Willow Dr, Lansing, KS 66043 913-416-0229
  - Hayley Bennetts 104 Willow Point Rd, Lansing, KS 66043 913-486-6822
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Thank you for your consideration,

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