

**City of Westwood Hills  
Tree Board Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2021**

The 2021 meeting of the Westwood Hills, Kansas, Tree Board was called to order by Mayor Paula Schwach at 8:17 p.m.

Present: Mayor Schwach, Michael Anfang, Ed Gogol, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, Ludwig Villasi, and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr and City Treasurer Jim Martin were present. Citizens Mary Sprouse and Drew Bergman were present.

**Gogol moved and Anfang seconded to adopt the tree board agenda as presented. All aye. Agenda approved.**

**Podrebarac moved to approve the March 2020 Tree Board minutes. Seconded by Shelor Sexton. All aye. Motion Carried.**

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The Green Plan

Maintenance will continue on The Green. The Green team would like to replace the old sprinkler system, the age of which is unknown. Gogol would like to install two additional lines each with sprinkler heads that would not be located on City property, but which will water the area where the memorial bench is located and the plants around the WWH sign on 50th Terrace near State Line Road. There is also a separate option to add Quick Couplers near the City's property line near each of the above locations to which a hose can be manually attached for watering the locations and in either instance to which turn-off valves can be installed as needed.

**Gogol moved and Shelor seconded that the Tree Board recommend to the council to replace the sprinkler system and to encumber up to \$7,018.37 to do so. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Arbor Day Plan

There will not be a celebration this year due to COVID. Gogol recommended cutting down the existing smoke tree on 50th Terrace, which is not doing well, and replacing it with another purple smoke tree (or another tree species), in a different location on the south side of The Green. The idea is to plant the new tree 8-10 feet from the oak tree.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Schwach read the Arbor Day Proclamation, declaring April 22, 2021 as Arbor Day in Westwood Hills. **Anfang moved and Gogol seconded to recommend the Proclamation be accepted at the April 12, 2021 Council Meeting.**

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**Shelor Sexton moved and Gogol seconded that the Tree Board meeting be adjourned and that the Council resume its regular April meeting. All aye. Motion approved.**

**Tree board meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**