**City of Westwood Hills**

**Tree Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 9, 2020**

The 2020 meeting of the Westwood Hills, Kansas, Tree Board was called to order by Mayor Paula Schwach at 7:51 p.m.

Present: Mayor Schwach, Michael Anfang, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, Ludwig Villasi, City Clerk O’Bryan and City Attorney Orr were present.

**Motion by Shelor Sexton to approve the agenda. Second by Anfang. All aye. Motion approved.**

**Motion by Shelor Sexton to adopt the 2019 Tree board minutes. Seconded by Villasi. All in favor. Minutes approved.**

No citizens were in attendance.

Tree Removal on The Green

Schwach reminded the Council that the KS State Forester flagged many smaller trees on The Green that needed to be removed. Podrebarac and Shelor Sexton will recommend to Council to remove these trees on The Green as suggested by the KS State Forester.

Plan for Arbor Day

Mayor Schwach reported that the City will not plant any trees this year. However, the City needs an approved Arbor Day celebration in order to maintain its “Tree City” designation. Shelor Sexton found a Gnome costume that she offered to purchase for the Arbor Day Celebration. The “Gnome of The Green '' will be the City’s Arbor Day Mascot and will read the Mayor’s Arbor Day Proclamation. Council discussed providing wildflower seeds to children and residents. O’Bryan mentioned that the Community Association (COA) had done activities involving seeds in the past. Mayor Schwach will check with COA to see if seed distribution is planned for this year’s celebration.

The Tree Board agreed to recommend to the Council to proceed with the tree removal on The Green and to adopt the Arbor Day plan as described above, designating April 11, 2020 as Arbor Day.

**Podrebarac moved that the Tree Board meeting be adjourned and that the Council resume its regular March meeting. Second by Anfang. All aye. Motion approved.**

**Tree board meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**