

**GREEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018  
**Location:** Webster Groves Recreation Complex  
**Called To Order:** 7:15 p.m.  
**Adjourned:** 8:37 p.m.  
**Next Meeting Date:** **Monday, August 6, 2018- 6:45 p.m.**  
**immediately before the 7:30 p.m. Pollinator Speaker Series**

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Annie Russell		X
Bill Hoss	X	
Frank Janoski, Council Liaison		X
Ginger Garrett	X	
Glen Horton	X	
Jenine Harris		X
Joanne Fogarty	X	
Peg Pedersen	X	
Richard Fitzgerald, Chairman	X	
Tessa Wasserman	X	
Yvonne Steingruby, Staff Liaison	X	

**Approval of Minutes:** The June meeting minutes were approved as written.

**Upcoming Projects:**

October 20<sup>th</sup> is the Trash Bash hosted by MSD, but we will probably have our own event here in Webster Groves. October 27<sup>th</sup> is Make A Difference Day, and will include projects such as honeysuckle removal at Blackburn Park Bird Sanctuary, spreading woodchips at Southwest Park, spreading kiddie cushion at Ivory Crockett Park, removing invasive vines at Deer Creek Park and planting trees at Ivory Crockett Park. Volunteers can sign-up on the website.

**Pollinator Plant Program Update:**

No update at this time.

**Pollinator Speaker Series:**

The pollinator speaker event will be held on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> in a meeting room at the Recreation Complex. The presentation will begin at 7:30 pm, immediately following the GSAC meeting. It was discussed and agreed the meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> will begin at 6:45 p.m. Tessa confirmed that the speakers (Ann Earley and Bob Siemer) will be available that date. Their talk will focus on encouraging the planting of native plants to support the Monarch butterfly population, their life cycle, population trends, etc. The event will be publicized on the City's website, Community Connect and posting flyers.

### **Mosquito Control Speaker:**

James Sayers, a Vector Control Supervisor from St. Louis County Public Health came and discussed the main purpose of vector control. The county is divided into 5 sections and they have 3 main jobs: 1) Surveillance: they trap and test adult mosquitos. (Soon ticks will be included in that process.) 2) Mosquito control- spraying via trucks and 3) Rodent abatement (house mice, Norway Rats). When evidence of large quantities of adult culex/asian tiger mosquitos are found in the various 230 traps around the county, the trucks are sent out to spray. Most areas of the county are sprayed once or twice a month May-October. To protect pollinators and the aqua-resin chemical used in the trucks to kill the mosquitos, spraying is only done after dark. (If you witness a truck spraying before it is dark outside, note the numbers on the truck, and please contact Vector Control) When trucks spray, it will reach 150 feet on either side of the road and it dissipates very quickly. Spraying does not occur during rain, when temperatures are lower than 60 degrees or if wind conditions register over 10 mph. If a barrier spray is requested, a different chemical is used and that is done during the day. Additionally, there are 54 varieties of mosquitos found in MO, and the culex is the biggest nuisance. One variety in particular to beware of is the asian tiger, as this variety is able to carry the West Nile Virus. To see a schedule of mosquito spraying, go to their website:

<https://www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/MosquitoControl> or call the spray hotline **314-615-4284** to see which area will be sprayed that night. Information is updated between 4-6pm daily..

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Upcoming projects involving Trash Bash and Make a Difference Day were discussed, see above. Additionally, other speaker series were considered. Possibilities include one about Bees/BeeKeeping, and one about Vector Control (speaking about mosquitos/pests).

### **NEW GSAC Projects:**

GSAC members were encouraged to come up with ideas for future projects the commission can work on. Ideas can be emailed to other members or brought to the next meeting.

**COUNCIL UPDATE:** None

**CHAIRMAN UPDATE:** Rich is looking up the mission statement for GSAC.

**STAFF UPDATE:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** **Monday, August 6, 2018, 6:45 pm** at the Recreation Complex.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.