

**MINUTES**  
**MIMIMUM STANDARDS BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**AUGUST 15, 2016**

The Minimum Standard Board of Appeals of the City of Florissant met at the Florissant City Hall on August 15, 2016 at 6:30 P. M. with Patricia Young as Chair.

**Roll Call**

The following commission members were present: Patricia Young, Chair, Carol Eddleman-Webb, Jean Noltkamper and Kyle Schmidt. Florissant personal present: Dianne Lehmann-Recording clerk, Aaron Tossey-Florissant staff, -Larry West-Code Enforcement.

**Introductions**

The following were introduced to the commission: Dianne Lehmann-Recording clerk, Aaron Tossey-Florissant staff, -Larry West-Code Enforcement.

**Approval of minutes**

Minutes from June 13, 2016 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as submitted was made by Patricia Young . Seconded by Jean Noltkamper, all approved.

**New Business**

**Item 1**

**Ward 9**  
**2635 Narraganset Drive**  
**Florissant, Mo. 63033**  
**Petitioner - Mr. Jeffrey A. Davis**

Patricia Young said after receiving the information from the tree service, Ropers Tree Service, she went by and looked at the tree again. She said upon looking at the tree it appeared the half the tree was dead and half was showing growth. She asked what the inspector thought about the tree. Aaron Tossey, Plan Reviewer, said his concern was not if the tree was dead or alive but whether or not the tree was safe. It was the City's position that the tree was unsafe and needed to come down. He said there was 9 pieces of the tree that posed as a safety risk. Jean asked if we could just cut the bad parts of the tree. Patricia said that if he just trimmed the tree it shouldn't kill it. Carol said she wouldn't want to live next to the tree. It appears very dangerous to the common eye. Aaron said the recommendation was to remove the tree in its entirety. The dead limbs are very large and they propose a danger to anyone walking near the tree.

Pat asked if they couldn't just remove the dead parts of the tree, Dianne said the city's violations letter was to remove the dead tree and any portions thereof, including the stump. Aaron reiterated that the stump is required to be removed as well.

Pat made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Kyle. At this point the commission went into executive session. Jean said she was very reluctant to cut down a tree. Pat asked if the neighbors have been complaining about the tree. Dianne said how the city identified the dead tree was really not relevant. Dianne reminded the commission that they must either grant his appeal, to have the tree removed, or deny his appeal. To deny his appeal would mean the tree must be removed. The commission's decision was to determine if the owner should be required to remove the tree.

Carol said she thought the note from the tree service did not give sufficient evidence as to the condition of the tree. Pat asked for a vote. Carol Webb, KyleSchmidt and Patricia Young all voted to have the tree removed. Jean Noterkamp voted to leave the tree. The vote was 3-1 in favor of having the tree removed.

Dianne explained that the Commission has denied Mr. Davis appeal to keep the tree. The commission then decided to extend the deadline to have the tree removed for 4 months or 120 days until 12/15/2016.

### **Announcements/Comments**

There being no additional business Patricia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carol. All agreed meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Lehmann, Recording Clerk