

Hiawatha Eagle Scout project approved

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission has approved an Eagle Scout project at the City Lake.

Local Boy Scout Jack Rosa appeared before the Commission Monday evening to request approval to plant around 20 trees at the lake.

He said he recently saw that the city had removed the locust trees around the lake, and for his Eagle Scout project would like to replace them with a variety of trees native to the Hiawatha area.

Rosa says he plans to start planting the trees May 4th, and will take care of them for three years.

The Commission gave Rosa approval to proceed with the project.

In other business, local resident Paul Shaefer appeared before the Commission to seek permission to organize a clean-up project along the city's walking trail.

Shaefer said he noticed a bunch of trash along the path between the high school parking lot and Little Hands Daycare when his family participated in the Chamber's Easter egg hunt.

He said he would like to enlist the help of community volunteers for the clean-up, and would ask the city to pay for trash bags, rubber gloves and landfill fees.

While a date hasn't been set yet, he said the cleanup event probably would take place around the end of May.

Commissioner Toni Hull said she would like to volunteer to help with the cleanup and challenged her fellow Commissioners to do the same.

Commissioners gave their approval for Shaefer to proceed with his plans.