

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held via Zoom on Wednesday, July 15, 2020
2 at 6:00 p.m.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Joy Chambers, Chair

6 Grant Chavez

7 Anne Linton

8 Gary Woodward

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10 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

11 Gary Smith

12 Scott Zeidler

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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Leah Romero, City Recorder

16 Mackenzie Wood, Planner

17 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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19 **RESIDENT CONCERNS REGARDING TREE REMOVAL**

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21 Chair Joy Chambers reported there have been concerns from residents during the past three
22 weeks about trees that have been removed by the City. The City has offered to remove trees for
23 citizens where the tree roots are damaging sidewalks. The citizens did not have to pay for the tree
24 removal, but they did have to pay to replace the sprinkling systems and sod. Another resident was
25 upset that taxpayer money was being used to pay for tree removal of the trees. The trees being
26 removed were in the park strip or close to the sidewalk. Mackenzie Wood, Planner, said citizens
27 can write a letter to the City Manager if they disapprove of tax money being used to remove trees.
28 Mackenzie Wood said she will research the codes to see if there is a code that provides clarification
29 on when a tree must be removed.
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31 **JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION**

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33 Chair Joy Chambers reported the Planning Commission will be meeting with the Tree
34 Board on July 22nd via Zoom for 20 minutes. They are asking for recommendations and
35 suggestions from the Tree Board as they make plans for the future and changes to the Master Plan.
36 The Tree Board needs to make recommendations for the Tree Code, and to get support of the
37 Planning Commission before going to the City Council. The Tree Board suggested giving the
38 Planning Commission the new manual that was compiled last spring. Other suggestions are if a
39 new development is going in, the Tree Board could suggest wider park strips for trees. The benefits
40 and value of having trees will be shared at the work session. The population of Centerville is aging,
41 and older people might want to have trees removed. Perhaps a program could be developed to
42 motivate people to maintain and keep their trees by using volunteers to help.

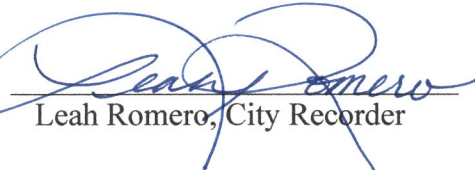
1 Gary Chavez suggested the City hire a trained arborist to help residents decide if a tree
2 should be removed or could be trimmed instead. Perhaps church groups could help elderly people
3 maintain trees and rake leaves. A notice could be posted in the City newsletter about the benefits
4 of trees.

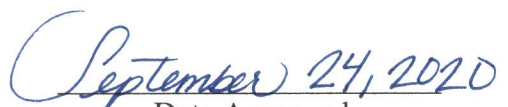
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6 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

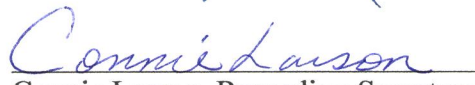
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8 Minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Anne Linton made a motion to
9 approve the minutes as written. Gary Woodward seconded the motion, which was passed by
10 unanimous vote (4-0).

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12 **ADJOURN**

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14 At 7:10 p.m., Grant Chavez made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Joy Chambers
15 seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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19 Leah Romero, City Recorder

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23 Date Approved

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23 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

