

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held via Zoom on Thursday, January 20, 2021
2 at 8:00 p.m.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Joy Chambers, Chair
6 Anne Linton
7 Gary Smith
8 Gary Woodward
9 Scott Zeidler

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11 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

12 Grant Chavez

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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Bill Ince, City Council Liaison
16 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
17 Mike Higgins, Parks and Recreation Supervisor
18 Janet Denison, City Recorder
19 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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21 **DETERMINATION LETTER**

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23 Chair Joy Chambers read the Determination Letter in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-
24 207(4) of the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act that states according to the COVID-19 pandemic,
25 the meeting may be held electronically.

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27 **CHAIR/VICE CHAIR ELECTION**

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29 Anne Linton made a **motion** to nominate Gary Woodward as chair of the Centerville City
30 Tree Board. Gary Smith seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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32 Gary Woodward made a **motion** to nominate Anne Linton as vice chair of the Centerville
33 City Tree Board. Joy Chambers seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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35 **JAPANESE BEETLES – ERADICATION EFFORTS**

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37 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, reported the Japanese beetle is native to Japan
38 but is now in the United States. There are no native predators for this beetle, and it eats 300 varieties
39 of plants and trees. This beetle started in the eastern United States, but is working its way to the
40 west. In 1996 it was identified in Utah. The beetle comes out for six weeks in the summer to eat,
41 and then goes back in the ground at the end of August to lay eggs. The Department of Agriculture
42 eradicated the beetle in Orem in 2014, but it has been found in Bountiful and Centerville. The State
43 will take care of the cost of spraying for this beetle. Scott Zeidler said the Tree Board must advise
44 the City Council of the impact of the Japanese beetle and encourage them to work with the
45 Department of Agriculture to eradicate it from Centerville.

1 Scott Zeidler made a **motion** that the Centerville Tree Board work with the City Council,
2 the Public Works Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department on the eradication of the
3 Japanese beetle. Gary Woodward seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-
4 0).

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6 **2020 TREE CITY USA APPLICATION HIGHLIGHTS**
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8 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, reported Centerville is a 2020 Tree City, which
9 shows our community values trees. This designation opens opportunities for the City to obtain
10 grants to continue promoting trees. If the next grant is approved, it will be the ninth year that
11 Centerville will be a Tree City. There were 43 new trees planted in 2020, which was mostly
12 because of the trees that were lost in the September windstorm. There were 85 trees that were
13 removed because of damage due to the September windstorm.

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15 **WIND STORM CLEAN-UP**
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17 Mike Higgins, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, reported four dumpsites were opened up
18 in September to take the green waste from the storm. Several other cities in Utah came to
19 Centerville to help with the clean-up. The LDS Church was also helpful in organizing clean-up
20 efforts. UDOT said there were 500 truck loads of debris from Centerville that went to the dump.
21 Bill Ince, City Council Liaison, discussed a tree on 400 East and 800 North that was trimmed down
22 to eight feet two years ago. There are now 50 branches that are coming out of the stump.

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24 **WEBSITE INFORMATION**
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26 Chair Joy Chambers reported information on the care of trees was given to the City to input
27 on their website last September, but it still is not on the website. This is probably due to the
28 transition of the City Recorder position in the past few months. Bill Ince, City Council Liaison,
29 said he will talk with Brent to get this information on the website and in the February utility bill.

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31 **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 MINUTES**
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33 Chair Joy Chambers made a **motion** to approve the September 24, 2020 meeting minutes
34 as amended. Gary Smith seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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36 **MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021**
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38 Joy Chambers discussed the meeting schedule for 2021. The Board agreed to meet on the
39 third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

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41 Chair Joy Chambers made a **motion** that the Centerville Tree Board schedule their meeting
42 on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. The Tree Board will not meet in December.
43 Gary Woodward seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).
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45 **DISCUSS ORDINANCE IDEAS AND GOALS FOR 2021**

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

At 9:20 p.m., Chair Joy Chambers made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Anne Linton seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).



Janet Denison, City Recorder

Feb. 17, 2021

Date Approved



Connie Larson, Recording Secretary