

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.
2 in the Centerville City Hall Council Chambers, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

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12 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

13 Grant Chavez

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15 **STAFF PRESENT**

16 Michael Higginson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor
17 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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19 **NEW MEMBER**

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21 Martin Dorrance was introduced as a new member of the Tree Board.

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23 **ARBOR DAY**

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25 Gary Woodward reported he talked with Jennifer Hansen on making sure the Arbor Week
26 Proclamation is signed by the mayor. Arbor Week is April 25th through April 30th. Scott Zeidler
27 said he talked with Mike Smith, GIS Specialist, to create mapping and a data base to do a self-
28 guided tour of Smith Park for Arbor Day and school tours. Mike Smith will do a report of each
29 tree and formulate an Excel spreadsheet with the measures for the trees for the tour. He will explore
30 the mobile app feature and will look into a QR Code for a broad inventory of the trees. Grant
31 Chavez previously committed to do wood stakes with the QR Code and description of each tree.

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33 This event will be advertised with the city newsletter and the April water bill. Gary
34 Woodward will email Jennifer Hansen on advertising the Tree Tour in the water bill. He will also
35 talk with Bryce King to advertise the event on social media. Joy Chambers will be meeting with
36 the Reading Elementary Student Advisor tomorrow about the Tree Tour.

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38 **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

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40 Anne Linton distributed a copy of the proposed Purpose Statement for the Tree Board to
41 each Board member. Anne talked about the three Locust trees on 1825 North in Centerville that
42 the city recently removed without the homeowner's approval because they were causing problems
43 with utility lines. The homeowners have been told by the city that the city will remove them for
44 free, or the homeowner can pay for the removal themselves. Michael Higginson, Parks and
45 Recreation Supervisor, said there are large trees in the city that the roots have caused sidewalks to
46 raise and then they become a liability to the city if someone should trip and fall on the sidewalk.

1 Park strips are owned by the city, but the homeowners are allowed to care for the park strip. The
2 Governor and Legislature are in the process of enacting waterwise legislation, including removing
3 grass from parking strips. Scott Zeidler explained cities are receiving grants to help them remove
4 trees that are causing problems, and Centerville is one of those cities.

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6 The Tree Board discussed the possibility of accommodating trees if possible. Gary Smith
7 suggested when the city removes a tree, that the city offer the homeowner a coupon that allows
8 them to purchase a new one to plant in its place. Gary Woodward will talk with Bill Ince, City
9 Council Liaison, about the desires of the Tree Board to replace trees when the city removes them.
10 Scott Zeidler will bring the flyer to the next meeting that Rocky Mountain Power uses when they
11 have to remove trees. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

12 13 **WEBPAGE UPDATE**

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15 The Tree of the Month has been added to the City Webpage. Bryce King will be asked to
16 add a link to the Tree Board page that gives more information on the Tree Board, and also includes
17 Tree of the Month from previous months. The tree of the Month for April is the Magnolia, and
18 Grant Chavez will provide the information for this tree for the website.

19 20 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPRECIATION LETTER**

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22 Scott Zeidler discussed the Japanese Beetle and the efforts of the Department of
23 Agriculture, through the Davis Conservation District, in eliminating this pest in a timely manner
24 before it could do a large amount of damage. There will be a virtual meeting on March 24th with
25 the Agricultural Department. Mr. Zeidler suggested a letter from the mayor be written to the Davis
26 County Commission Davis Conservation District thanking them for their efforts in removing the
27 beetle.

28 29 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL MEETING**

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31 Tree Board agenda items:

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- 33 • Finalize Arbor Day activities.
- 34 • Discuss tree removal recommendations to the City Council on what the Public
- 35 Works Department can do on tree replacements.
- 36 • Discuss Mission Statement.
- 37 • Department of Agriculture appreciation letter.
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39 **MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE**

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41 Minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Gary Smith made a **motion** to
42 approve the minutes as written. Joy Chambers seconded the motion, which was passed by
43 unanimous vote (6-0).

