

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.
2 in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Joy Chambers
6 Grant Chavez
7 Martin Dorrance
8 Anne Linton
9 Gary Smith
10 Gary Woodward, Chair
11 Scott Zeidler
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13 **STAFF PRESENT**

14 Bill Ince, City Council Liaison
15 Michael Higginson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor
16 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary
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18 **ARBOR DAY**

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20 Joy Chambers reported she has been meeting with Aubrey Vanderlinden at Reading
21 Elementary on the art contest for Arbor Day. There are 100 entries, and all of the elementary
22 schools in Centerville have been invited to participate. On April 28th, Tree Board members will
23 judge the entries, along with the Centerville Youth Council and their supervisors. There will be a
24 grand prize winner, along with 2nd and 3rd place. There will be five winners in the K- 3rd grade,
25 and 4th - 6th grades. There will be a prize for the most colorful, most realistic, most original, and
26 most inspiring. There will be an open house on April 29th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for everyone to
27 come view the entries.
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29 On May 10th, the mayor will award the top three grand prize winners at a ceremony at
30 Smith Park. The grand prize winner will have a tree in the park named after him or her, and they
31 will have their picture taken in front of the tree. Pins that say, "More Trees Please" will be
32 distributed to everyone at the ceremony. The pictures from the top winners of the contest will be
33 displayed at City Hall for two weeks after the contest.
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35 **TREE BOARD BUDGET**

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37 The Tree Board has been given a budget of \$500 for FY 2022/23.
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39 **TREE TOUR**

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41 Gary Woodward reported the Tree Tour at Smith Park is not ready at this time, and a date
42 has not been selected. Mike Smith is going to create the GPS data base for the tour. Each tree at
43 the park will be identified on the tour. Scott Ziegler said a QR Code will be used as an option. The
44 QR Code has been used to advertise the green waste program at the Community Park, and it is a
45 successful tool.

1 **TREE DIVERSITY INITIATIVE**

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3 Scott Zeidler reported the Tree Diversity Initiative is for cities who are members of the
4 Tree Cities USA. This is a program for people who make a request for a tree that is not commonly
5 grown in Utah. A person can go to a nursery to choose a tree and they will be reimbursed for the
6 tree. This is a test to see how different varieties of trees will grow in our climate that are not
7 commonly grown here.

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9 **COMMUNITY PARK WATER**

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11 Bill Ince, City Council Liaison, explained that because of the drought, there are major areas
12 of city owned property that will not be watered this summer. However, trucks with trailers will be
13 watering trees in the parks. The Community Park has a 65,000-gallon underground water tank that
14 is filled with water on its way to the Great Salt Lake, and it is used as irrigation water for the park.
15 There is concern residents will complain about how nice the lawn looks, but it is not watered from
16 the Weber Water Basin. Posters will be placed at the park to explain the lawns are not watered
17 with Weber Water.

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19 **REBATE PROGRAMS FOR XERISCAPING**

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21 Grant Chavez explained if a farmer does not grow any food on his property, he will get
22 money back from the federal government. He asked if there is a grant to help people who remove
23 their lawn and replace it with xeriscaping. Bill Ince, City Council Liaison, said the water districts
24 are less friendly in funding the "Flip the Strip" program. This is where citizens remove their
25 parking strips, and replace them with xeriscaping. There is a 60-day waiting period for the water
26 district to check the lawn. It must be green lawn when it is removed.

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28 **TREE PROGRAMS**

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30 Scott Zeidler reported he attended a Planning Commission meeting where xeriscaping was
31 discussed. Lisa Romney, City Attorney, talked about modifying the ordinance on trees in parking
32 strips. She recommends there be no planting of trees in park strips, or in the city right-of-way from
33 the curb. PacifiCorp has a program entitled "Right Tree-Right Place", where if they take out a tree
34 under powerlines, they will give a voucher that the homeowner can purchase another tree to replace
35 it. Gary Smith reported that a garden center he is aware of had \$3,000 worth of vouchers from
36 PacifiCorp.

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38 **WEB PAGE**

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40 Gary Woodward said the Magnolia tree is the Tree of the Month for April. The Beech tree
41 will be for May. Waterwise Garden link will remain on the website, as well as the links to the Utah
42 State Extension and Weber Water Basin.

Anne Linton will send a draft of the Mission Statement to Board members for their review.

WEBER WATER GUIDELINES/WATER-WISE RECOMMENDATIONS

Weber Water guidelines will be posted on the water bill statement. Citizens will be highlighted who are doing water conservation.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Minutes of the March 16, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Gary Smith made a **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Joy Chambers seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (7-0).

NEXT MEETING

The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 9:30 p.m., Scott Zeidler made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Martin Dorrance seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (7-0).

Jennifer Hansen
Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder

5-18-2022
Date Approved

Connie Larson
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

