

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, May 18, 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 Grant Chavez
6 Anne Linton
7 Gary Woodward, Chair
8 Scott Zeidler

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10 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

11 Joy Chambers
12 Martin Dorrance
13 Gary Smith

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15 **STAFF PRESENT**

16 Bill Ince, City Council Liaison
17 Michael Higgins, Parks & Recreation Supervisor
18 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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20 **ARBOR DAY RECAP**

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22 The Art Contest for Arbor Day was a great success. Joy Chambers was in charge of the Art
23 Contest, and she did an amazing job of organizing and planning this even. It was well attended by
24 parents and children. The Tree Board agreed the Art Contest will be held again next year, and they
25 discussed ways to improve advertising to reach children who are homeschooled or attend charter
26 schools. Bryce King will be asked to make posters for the contest next year to be displayed in
27 front of all the elementary schools in Centerville.

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29 The Tree Tour will be held next year.

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31 **WATER CONSERVATION**

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33 Scott Zeidler reported the "Flip the Strip" water conservation program in Utah was passed
34 by the City Council. Water is important for trees and ecology of local streams, but park strips are
35 a marginal return. Bill Ince, City Council Liaison, said he has reviewed articles that state the
36 amount of water used for residential lawns is not a large amount. It appears Weber Basin has so
37 many constraints that he believes many people will not qualify for the "Flip the Strip" rebate
38 program. Scott Zeidler said meters are being installed, and there might need to be filters installed
39 before the meters can be installed.

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41 Gary Woodward requested the water conservation guidelines be placed on the city website.
42 Grant Chavez suggested guidelines for lawnmowing also be on the website pertaining to the height
43 of the mower. Scott Zeidler will contact Utah State University Extension Services on what they
44 recommend for watering trees in a drought.

1 **TREE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

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3 Scott Zeidler reported he talked with a man at Pacific Corporation about the voucher
4 program for people who are given the option of removing a tree in a park strip. They discussed
5 giving the homeowner a tree voucher to redeem at a local nursery to replace the tree that was
6 removed. The nursery would then be reimbursed by the utility company. Bill Ince, City Council
7 Liaison, said the problem is that \$150,000 has been allocated for sidewalk repairs because of
8 injuries or possible injuries caused by cracked sidewalks from trees. He would like to see some of
9 the money allocated for tree replacement. Most of the trees that are planted in park strips are against
10 the City Ordinance. One of the problems is there hasn't been a specific standard on park strips,
11 and in a few years, park strips will be disjointed. The City Council and Tree Board will meet in
12 the near future to discuss park strips and vouchers.

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14 Scott Zeidler suggested doing a Park Strip of the Month program, as a tree replacement
15 incentive, and show the before and after pictures of the park strip. A \$75 voucher could be given
16 to the homeowner for a new tree that would be placed somewhere in the yard besides the park
17 strip. Mr. Zeidler suggested the Tree Board do a presentation in the winter for interested
18 individuals to introduce concepts of uniformity and appearances for appealing park strips and
19 landscapes with trees.

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21 **WEB PAGE/TREE OF THE MONTH**

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23 Mike Smith, GIS Specialist, was asked to post the May Tree of the Month, but it still hasn't
24 been posted. Bryce King submitted the application for the Tree Diversity Grant today. This grant
25 does not require a financial match from the city. There are six species of trees that Bruce Cox,
26 Parks and Recreation Director, has requested in this grant. If Centerville does receive the grant for
27 the trees, they will be watched closely to see how they do in Utah's climate.

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29 Scott Zeidler reported the University of Utah and Salt Lake Community College have done
30 tests on the tree canopy of the Salt Lake area over the past 30 years. He said he will try to get the
31 tree canopy information to share with the Tree Board, and if there is information on Centerville's
32 tree canopy.

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34 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

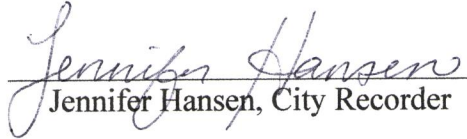
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36 Minutes of the April 20, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Chair Gary Woodward made a
37 **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Scott Zeidler seconded the motion, which was passed
38 by unanimous vote (4-0).

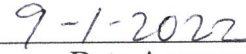
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40 **NEXT MEETING**

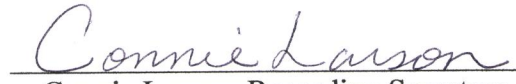
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42 The date of the June meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

ADJOURN

At 9:40 p.m., Anne Linton made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Chair Gary Woodward seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).


Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder


Date Approved


Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

