

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 8:00
2 p.m., 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 Gary Smith
9 Gary Woodward, Chair
10 Scott Zeidler

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12 **STAFF PRESENT**

13 Bill Ince, City Council Liaison
14 Michael Higgins, Parks & Recreation Supervisor
15 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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17 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

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19 Anne Linton as resigned as a member of the Tree Board, and she was serving as vice chair.
20 Martin Dorrance was appointed as vice chair of the Tree Board.

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22 **WORK SESSION WITH THE CITY COUNCIL**

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24 The work session with the City Council will be held on September 20th between 5:30 p.m.
25 to 6:30 p.m. There will be other groups meeting with the City Council, and it is not known the
26 exact time the Tree Board will meet with the Council.

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28 **Park Strip Recommendations**

29 Gary Woodward reported he talked with Lisa Romney, City Attorney, on the Park Strip
30 Code. Mr. Woodward distributed a copy of Ms. Romney's recommendations, and the Tree Board
31 discussed the recommendations. These recommendations have not been given to the City Council
32 at this time. The recommendations are to have no trees in park strips, because most park strips in
33 Centerville are too narrow for trees. In previous meetings, the Tree Board discussed trees that
34 adapt to Centerville's climate, but there are no recommended trees for park strips. If there are trees
35 that are already planted in the public right-of-way, they can be subject to removal if they are
36 deemed a hazard by the city.

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38 **Vouchers for removed park strip trees**

39 The Tree Board agreed to present to the Tree Board the idea if a tree is removed from a
40 park strip because it is deemed a hazard, the property owner would be given a voucher for a new
41 tree to be planted in the yard a certain distance from the sidewalk. The vouchers demonstrate
42 stewardship for a new crop of trees in a different place. Joy Chambers said she approves of the
43 vouchers, but she is concerned trees could be removed when they don't need to be, and would they
44 be replaced. Grant Chavez said consideration must be taken into account if the trees are damaging
45 utilities. Bill Ince, City Council Liaison, said water, gas and sewer lines are all affected by tree
46 roots that can puncture utility lines.

1 The biggest motivation to remove the trees from the park strips is the damage caused by a raised
2 sidewalk, and if a person should trip and fall on a raised sidewalk. Grant Chavez said Rocky
3 Mountain Power will pay homeowners if a tree needs to be removed. Bill Ince reported there are
4 3,800 trees in Centerville that need to be removed because they are causing sidewalk lifts. Gary
5 Woodward suggested an independent contractor be hired to remove the trees, but Bill Ince said
6 there is not always a clear definition on how trees should be removed. He gave the example of the
7 area at 800 North and Frontage Road when a contractor was hired to clean-up the water, and they
8 removed the trees in the pond. The neighbors were upset the trees were removed, as the trees
9 provided shade for the homes. Bill Ince suggested expanding the voucher conversation by having
10 the homeowner take out their own trees, and the city would give the homeowner a tree voucher.
11 He suggested the mayor could give the Tree Board space in the city newsletter to write an article
12 on when a tree is planted by a homeowner, that they understand the expense and liability that
13 comes with trees.

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15 Scott Zeidler explained Washington County is trying to offer trees that are water
16 conserving. The County provides information on pruning and water guidelines, and the voucher
17 program could provide water guidelines, and give exposure to the Tree Board. Some cities will
18 buy bulk trees, and citizens can purchase trees at a discount. Certain types of trees that are resistant
19 to the severe climate could be purchased.

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21 Guidance on "Flip the Strip"

22 This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

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24 **TREES OF THE MONTH FOR REMAINDER OF 2022**

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26 Assignments were given for Trees of the Month as follows:

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28 September: Joy Chambers, Zelkova

29 October: Anne Linton, Calumny Oak

30 November: Scott Zeidler, Incense Cedar

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32 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

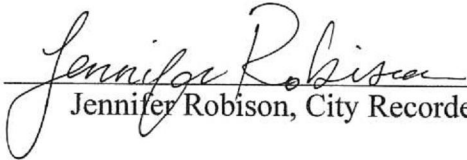
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34 Minutes of the May 18, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Chair Gary Woodward made a
35 **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Grant Chavez seconded the motion, which was passed
36 by unanimous vote (6-0).

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38 **NEXT MEETING**

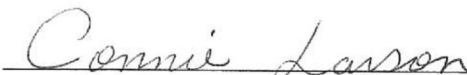
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40 The Board agreed the work session with the City Council on September 20th, will be the
41 September meeting. The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, October 19th at 8:00 p.m. at
42 City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 9:20 p.m., Gary Smith made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Joy Chambers seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).


Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

10-19-2022
Date Approved


Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

