

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, January 18, 2023 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 Martin Dorrance
6 Gary Smith
7 Gary Woodward, Chair
8 Scott Zeidler

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10 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

11 Grant Chavez

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13 **STAFF PRESENT**

14 Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor
15 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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17 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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19 Minutes of the October 19, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. Scott Zeidler made a
20 **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Gary Smith seconded the motion, which was passed by
21 unanimous vote (4-0).

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23 **APPOINT CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR FOR 2023**

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25 Martin Dorrance made a **motion** to nominate Gary Woodward as Chair of the Tree Board
26 for 2023. Scott Zeidler seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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28 Gary Smith made a **motion** to nominate Martin Dorrance as Vice-Chair of the Tree Board
29 for 2023. Gary Woodward seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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31 **TREE BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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33 The Tree Board discussed the need for three more members to serve on the Board. Joy
34 Chambers gave a list of names to the mayor as possible candidates for the Board.

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36 **2023 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE**

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38 The Tree Board reviewed the proposed 2023 meeting schedule.

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40 Martin Dorrance made a **motion** to approve the Tree Board meeting schedule for 2023.
41 Gary Smith seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

ARBOR DAY 2023 DISCUSSION

The Tree Board discussed Arbor Day for 2023. Gary Woodward reported that Joy Chambers gave him the materials for the Arbor Day Art Contest for the elementary schools. The four elementary schools in Centerville will be invited to participate in the contest. Joy Chambers said she would help with the contest to be held at the end of April. The school principals will be sent a letter of the contest and the mission statement of the Tree Board. Judging for the contest will be on April 26, and the results posted on April 28. The open house to view the pictures will be determined at a later date.

TREE TOUR AND TREE QUIZ

Scott Zeidler said he will contact Mike Smith about making a link for the Virtual Tree Tour, and a Tree Quiz that families could do together.

TREE OF THE MONTH

Gary Smith will make a list of trees for the Tree Board to review for Tree of the Month for the city newsletter and website.

PARK STRIP TREE DISCUSSION

Gary Smith suggested the Tree Board make a list that the city could examine of hazardous trees that are obstructing the view of drivers. Mike Higgins said the Street Department possibly has a list of dangerous trees, and he will follow on this item.

Gary Woodward reported that Bill Ince, City Council Liaison, received an email from John Urry regarding Flowering Pear Trees placed on a list as being desirable trees for parking strips. Mr. Urry feels these trees are not appropriate for parking strips, as they grow to 50 feet in height, and their foliage can obstruct the view of drivers. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

TREE BOARD MISSION

Scott Zeidler reported he will be crafting a draft Municipal Tree Management Plan for the city. This assistance is a normal portion of his work for the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands – Urban and Community Forestry Program. He previously spoke with Mike Carlson about this opportunity last fall, highlighting that a current and active plan benefits the city's potential access to grant funding opportunities. Scott envisions the plan can be adopted by the Executive Branch of city government. The plan is in some ways an answer to a question proposed last fall at the Planning Board Meeting, where a councilperson asked, "if we don't allow trees to be grown in park strips where will they be grown?" This proposed plan would address the places and manner that trees can be stewarded and managed by the city. It will include 13 keystone elements of best practices in arboriculture. The draft plan will be shared with Mike Carlson, Public Works Director first for review and consideration. It is anticipated that the plan will come to the Tree Board after

city executives review its initial content. Importantly, the City Attorney should review the draft plan as well.”

NEXT MEETING

The next Tree Board meeting will be held on February 15, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 9:10 p.m., Gary Smith made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Martin Dorrance seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

Jennifer Robison
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

3-15-2023

Date Approved

Connie Larson
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

