

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, March 15, 2023 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 Linda Porter
7 Sarah Stettler
8 Gary Smith
9 Gary Woodward, Chair
10 Scott Zeidler

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12 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

13 Martin Dorrance

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15 **STAFF PRESENT**

16 Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor
17 Marc Marchant, Streets Supervisor, was excused at 8:35 p.m.
18 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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20 **NEW BOARD MEMBERS INTRODUCTION**

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22 Linda Porter and Sarah Stettler were welcomed as new Tree Board members. Linda Porter
23 has lived in Centerville for 35 years, and taught school at Reading Elementary for 23 years. She
24 was introduced to the Tree Board by Joy Chambers, and her tree was on the Tree Tour several
25 years ago.

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27 Sarah Stettler has lived in Centerville for seven years, and was introduced to the Tree Board
28 by Joy Chambers and Anne Linton.

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30 **TREE REMOVAL LETTER**

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32 Marc Marchant, Streets Supervisor, discussed the letter that the Public Works Department
33 will be sending to residents who live on Deerfield Drive when the City Council approves the letter.
34 Deerfield Drive is scheduled to have the street surface removed and repaved, along with related
35 public infrastructure and utilities replaced this summer. The primary and secondary irrigation pipes
36 will also be replaced. Along with the street and infrastructure replacement, any trees in the park
37 strips that have damaged the curb and gutter, and/or sidewalk will be removed. The trees will be
38 removed without any cost to the homeowner, and the City is willing to provide the homeowner
39 with a \$200 voucher to purchase a new tree as a replacement.

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41 Scott Zeidler said there was previously discussion by the Tree Board that if a voucher is
42 given for removal of a tree in the park strip, the tree should be placed in the front of the home, or
43 there would there be a reimbursement check from the city given to the homeowner.

1 Gary Smith made a **motion** to approve the tree removal letter from the Centerville Public
2 Works Department, and provide the City Council with the recommendations for replacement trees.
3 Scott Zeidler seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).
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5 Linda Porter said there needs to be a statement in the letter informing residents on how
6 citizens can find certain conditions that apply to their property. Marc Marchant said the letter has
7 the phone number for the Public Works Department and the email address if residents have
8 questions. He also said the letter states if a tree is planted in the front yard, it must be planted 12
9 feet behind the sidewalk. This is to prevent the tree roots from interfering with the underground
10 utilities and the sidewalk. A list of recommended trees will be given to the homeowner when they
11 pick-up their voucher.
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13 The Tree Board discussed the watering of trees and how to curtail migration of tree roots.
14 When the water goes under the sidewalk or pavement in the street, the tree roots will follow the
15 water source.
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17 **At 8:35 p.m., Marc Marchant was excused from the meeting.**
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19 **WEBPAGE**
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21 Gary Woodward reported he contacted Bryce King, Recreation Director, about making
22 recommendations for the Tree Board webpage. The Tree of the Month for the webpage has been
23 given to Mr. King.
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25 **ARBOR DAY**
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27 The Tree Board discussed the Arbor Day Art Contest. Scott Zeidler reported he went to J.
28 A. Taylor Elementary yesterday to see if they are going to participate in the contest, but the art
29 teacher has not replied yet. Reading Elementary will be hosting the art contest this year. The poster
30 advertising the contest can still be posted at the elementary schools, even if they choose not to
31 participate in the contest. Gary Woodward will contact Bryce King about publicity for the contest.
32 The Tree Board viewed the proposed poster that Bryce King made to advertise the contest. Arbor
33 Day is April 28th. The entries are due on April 20th, and judging will take place on April 26th. The
34 open house where the pictures will be displayed will be on April 28th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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36 Gary Woodward talked with the Student Council Leader at Reading Elementary, and they
37 are planning to put all of the pictures on black paper background. She said the Student Council
38 will help mount the pictures. City Youth Council members will be asked to help judge the entries.
39 Mayor Wilkinson will be asked to acknowledge the art contest, and make a proclamation for Arbor
40 Day.

1 **TREE TOUR**

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3 Scott Zeidler reported he did an anniversary tree tour at Smith Park. He proposed that 13
4 trees be researched. This would be a tree awareness project where high school students could
5 research trees as a project. It is not known when the next Tree Tourn will take place.
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7 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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9 Minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Scott Zeidler made a **motion** to
10 approve the minutes as written. Grant Chavez seconded the motion, which was passed by
11 unanimous vote (6-0).
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13 **NEXT MEETING**

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15 The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19th, at 8:00 p.m. at City
16 Hall.
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18 **ADJOURN**

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20 At 9:40 p.m., Linda Porter made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Stettler seconded
21 the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).
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25 Jennifer Robison
26 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
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28 4-19-2023

29 Date Approved

30 Connie Larson
31 Connie Larson, City Recorder

