

Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.  
at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Grant Chavez  
Gary Smith  
Gary Woodward, Chair  
Scott Zeidler

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Martin Dorrance  
Linda Porter  
Sarah Stettler

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor  
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

**ARBOR DAY REVIEW**

The Tree Board agreed the Arbor Day Art Contest was successful. All of the pictures were displayed, and the Student Council removed the pictures the day after the contest, except for the top three winners. Every participant received a candy bar. It took two hours to tally the votes. In the future, pictures will be placed in order by grade before they are tallied to make the judging faster and easier for the judges. Gary Smith suggested printing ribbons similar to what J & L Garden Center used for their pumpkin contest each fall. The posters Bryce King made to advertise this event were printed at City Hall and looked very nice.

**WHAT'S NEXT – FUTURE PLANNING**

Scott Zeidler suggested the Awards Ceremony be held on Monday evening in the future at Smith Park, as there was good participation at the ceremony, and Smith Park is a good location. There were around 40 people in attendance for the ceremony. The Tree Board agreed this event will be held again next year, but more prizes from businesses should be solicited for next year.

**TREE REMOVAL DISCUSSION**

Scott Zeidler reported on an article in the Davis Journal about Centerville Public Works making a policy if a tree is in conflict and the city removes it, the city will give the homeowner a \$200 voucher. The homeowner will need to apply for the voucher now. This is mostly in new neighborhoods. Gary Smith distributed informational pamphlets on how to prune trees. Mr. Smith said when pruning classes were held at J & L Garden Center, they were the most popular classes. Discussion on preparing for pruning classes will be held in the fall. Teachers from J & J Nursery, and USU Extension Service could be asked to help with the classes that will be held in March and April of 2024. A flyer advertising pruning classes will be sent with the city newsletter in early 2024. Bryce King will be asked to help with the flyer to advertise this event.

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

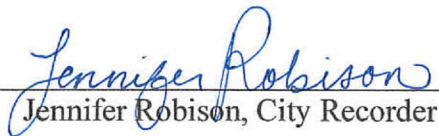
Minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Gary Smith made a **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Gary Woodward seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.

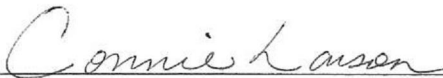
**ADJOURN**

At 8:55 p.m., Scott Zeidler made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Grant Chavez seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

  
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

9-20-23

Date Approved

  
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

