

Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Porter
Sarah Stettler
Gary Woodward
Scott Zeidler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Chavez
Martin Dorrance

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

TREE TOUR

Scott Zeidler distributed a handout on the concept for a Centerville Community Tree Tour. He suggested a tree tour at the Centerville Cemetery or one of the parks, as there is a variety of trees at these locations. The Board had previously discussed doing a tree tour in the fall, but this will not be possible due to conflicting schedules. The Board agreed a tree tour in the spring, perhaps after Memorial Day, when the leaves are on the trees would be the best time for a tour. Each Board member could choose a tree that is in the cemetery or park and give a report on it. The cemetery would be safer for the tour, as the streets are paved and less likely that people would fall. Mr. Zeidler distributed a picture taken from the cemetery facing west that shows a street lined with different varieties of trees. He also had a display of pamphlets on how to care for trees that can be distributed at the Tree Tour. A horticulture specialist from the Utah State Extension Services in Kaysville will also be invited to attend the tour and answer questions. This item will be discussed at the January 2024 meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD

Gary Woodward will ask Bryce King to set up a Facebook page for the Tree Board, and post the Tree of the Month on this page. Mr. Woodward said the Tree Board was originally organized by the City Council to help make a City Ordinance for trees in park strips. Proposals have been made, but no Ordinances have been passed.

Arbor Day activities will continue to be held in the future, along with the Arbor Day Art Show in April.

The Tree Board will meet in October, but not in November or December. The next Tree Board meeting would be on January 17, 2024.

1 **TREE BOARD PURPOSE**

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3 Scott Zeidler suggested the Tree Board could be a receiving body for people to submit
4 simple questions regarding trees in their yard or neighborhood. The Tree Board Facebook page
5 could be a place for this, and citizens could post their observations of trees, and what other people
6 are doing with their trees.

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8 Gary Woodward reported a citizen called him, and asked about a 50-year-old Redwood tree
9 that is in a new subdivision being constructed on Parrish Lane and 400 East. The citizen wanted
10 to preserve the tree and wondered if the construction would damage the tree, as there are plans to
11 put four feet of fill dirt in the area. The tree will not be damaged if the fill dirt is not piled around
12 the tree so that it can still receive water and sunlight.

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14 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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16 Minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Gary Woodward made a **motion** to
17 approve the minutes as written. Scott Zeidler seconded the motion, which was passed by
18 unanimous vote (4-0).

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20 **NEXT MEETING**

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22 The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. at
23 City Hall.

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25 **ADJOURN**

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27 At 9:15 p.m., Linda Porter made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Stettler seconded
28 the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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31 *Jennifer Robison*
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33 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

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35 1-17-2024
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37 Date Approved

38 *Connie Larson*
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40 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

