

Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Porter
Sarah Stettler, Chair
Gary Woodward
Scott Zeidler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Chavez

STAFF PRESENT

Brian Plummer, City Council Liaison
Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor
Caleb Wallis, Youth Council Liaison
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Gary Woodward reported he has talked with Mayor Wilkinson regarding the need for more board members to serve on the Tree Board. The mayor said he will review the applications for individuals to interview, and Board members were asked to submit names of possible candidates who could serve on the Tree Board.

ELECT CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2024

The Tree Board discussed the chair position of the Tree Board and the responsibilities required to serve. Brian Plummer, City Council Liaison, explained the chair for the Tree Board is not a position where speeches need to be done outside of Board meetings. Mr. Plummer said as liaison for the Tree Board, that he would do any communications to the City Council that might be required.

Linda Porter made a **motion** to nominate Sara Stettler as Chair of the Tree Board for the year 2024. Gary Woodward seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

Gary Woodward made a **motion** to nominate Linda Porter as Vice-Chair of the Tree Board. Sarah Stettler seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

2024 ARBOR DAY DISCUSSION

ART CONTEST

National Arbor Day is April 26, 2024, but cities are allowed to change the day or month for activities if they need to. The Tree Board has sponsored an art contest for the elementary schools for Arbor Day for the past two years at the end of April.

1 The art contest could also include Centerville Junior High, and Viewmont High School. Local
2 artists would be invited to judge the entries. Bryce King will be asked to design the flyer for the
3 schools to advertise the contest. The contest will be advertised on Instagram and on the city
4 Facebook page. Reading Elementary will be asked to host this event in their gymnasium, as they
5 have done this successfully the past two years. Sarah Stettler will contact Aubrey Vanderlinden at
6 Reading Elementary.

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8 Sarah Stettler asked if the Tree Board is allowed to do fundraising for prizes for the Art
9 Contest. Brian Plummer said he will research this question. There is currently \$500 for the Tree
10 Board to use for the year 2024. Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor, said there is a parks budget that
11 is used to purchase trees, flowers, and shrubs that comes from the General Fund, and perhaps the
12 money could come from this budget.

13 14 WALKING TREE TOUR

15 The Tree Board discussed a walking tree tour that could be held periodically in Centerville
16 to view the different species of trees. One of the tours could be at the Centerville Cemetery to
17 identify the trees that are planted there. The walking tour would not be held until May when the
18 trees have leafed out. A poster at the Art Show in April could be posted to advertise the Tree Tour.

19 20 PURPOSE OF THE TREE BOARD

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22 Mike Higgins explained the original purpose of the Tree Board was to decide what to do
23 about trees in park strips. The City Council did not accept the recommendations that were given
24 by the Tree Board. Scott Zeidler said park strips are a marginal site because trees usually last only
25 30 years in a park strip. Centerville does not have boulevards, so the parking strips were designed
26 to be small when subdivisions were planned 30 to 50 years ago. Large streets and boulevards
27 usually have large park strips for large trees. Water conservation objectives are now changing park
28 strips, but trees can be planted in yards.

29 30 OTHER 2024 EVENTS

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32 Scott Zeidler suggested a tree expert from the Utah State Extension Service could be
33 invited to attend a tree tour and provide information to participants on trees, water conservation
34 features of trees, and the cooling effect of trees.

35 36 MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

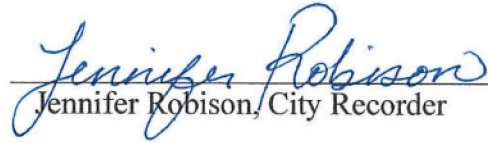
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38 Minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Gary Woodward made a
39 **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Scott Zeidler seconded the motion, which was passed
40 by unanimous vote (4-0).

41 42 NEXT MEETING

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44 The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.
45 at City Hall.

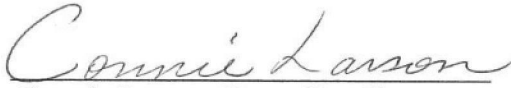
ADJOURN

At 9:25 p.m., Linda Porter made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Stettler seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).


Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

2-27-2024

Date Approved


Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

