

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 8:00
2 p.m. at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Linda Porter
6 Sarah Stettler, Chair
7 Gary Woodward
8 Scott Zeidler

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10 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

11 Grant Chavez

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13 **STAFF PRESENT**

14 Brian Plummer, City Council Liaison, was excused at 8:35 p.m.
15 Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor, arrived at 8:20 p.m.
16 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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18 **“HOW TO GROW A GREAT TREE BOARD”**

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20 Sarah Stettler distributed a handout entitled “How to Grow a Great Tree Board” published
21 by the Arbor Day Foundation. This handout describes how tree boards are an essential component
22 of the Tree City USA program. Effective tree boards can assist professional arborists and city
23 foresters, serve as an advocate for trees, and help residents and businesses in the community
24 understand and appreciate the benefits of maintaining trees. A well-organized tree board provides
25 immeasurable service to the community today and its citizens of the future. Tree Board members
26 were asked to read the handout and be prepared to discuss it at future meetings. Mayor Wilkinson
27 talked with Gary Woodward and told him there are citizens who would like to volunteer for
28 projects, but not serve on the Tree Board.

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30 **TREE OF THE MONTH**

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32 Bryce King is the city employee who is responsible to post the Tree of the Month on
33 Facebook, Instagram, and the city website. There are many old trees in Centerville and there is a
34 Walking Tree Tour scheduled for May. A scavenger hunt could be a part of the Walking Tree Tour.

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36 **READING ELEMENTARY ART SHOW**

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38 Sarah Stettler reported she talked with Principal King at Reading Elementary about the Art
39 Show in connection with Arbor Day. The Art Show is scheduled for Friday, April 26th. Hopefully,
40 there will be leftover concessions for the Art Show from the play the night before. Money from
41 the Tree Board fund will also be used for any food and prizes that may need to be purchased. The
42 theme for the Art Show will be “If I Were a Tree.” Sarah Stettler will make a flyer for the
43 elementary schools to advertise the art show. Reading Elementary does not have an art teacher
44 anymore. Art is taught in each classroom.

1 **At 8:20 p.m., Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor arrived at the meeting.**
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3 A presentation with Mayor Wilkinson for the winner of the art contest will be held again
4 this year the same as it was last year. Community members could showcase talents and art from
5 other people in the community that they have done throughout the year. Amy McClellan and Jana
6 Talbot will be asked to help with decorating for the Art Contest. The following committee members
7 will contact each school:
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9 Gary Woodward – Stewart Elementary
10 Linda Porter – J. A. Taylor Elementary
11 Sarah Stettler – Reading Elementary
12 Scott Zeidler – Centerville Elementary
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14 Scott Zeidler will email template guidelines for the Art Contest to each Tree Board member
15 to see if anything from the entry form needs to be changed from last year.
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17 **At 8:35 p.m., Brian Plummer, City Council Liaison, was excused from the meeting.**
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19 **WALKING TREE TOUR**
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21 The Tree Board discussed having a Walking Tree Tour, and it is tentatively scheduled for
22 Monday, May 13th from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Scott Zeidler will conduct the tour at the cemetery.
23 There are 18 trees to highlight. Mr. Zeidler will discuss tree pruning, trees and vines, trees and
24 powerlines, and trees that are too close to property lines. Handouts will be available for distribution
25 on trees that are well-suited for Centerville. The Walking Tree Tour will be advertised at the Art
26 Contest on April 26th. Mike Higgins will talk with Mike Smith about creating posters to advertise
27 the Walking Tree Tour.
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29 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**
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31 Minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Gary Woodward made a **motion**
32 to approve the minutes as amended. Linda Porter seconded the motion, which was passed by
33 unanimous vote (4-0).
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35 **NEXT MEETING**
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37 The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. at
38 City Hall.
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40 **ADJOURN**
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42 At 9:05 p.m., Sarah Stettler made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Scott Zeidler seconded
43 the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

Jennifer Robison
Jennifer Robison, Recording Secretary
city Recorder

3-20-2024

Date Approved

Connie Larson
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

