

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, November 20, 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 Sara Stettler, Chair
6 Linda Porter
7 Keith Roper
8 Heather Taylor, arrived at 8:28 p.m.
9 Gary Woodward

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11 **STAFF PRESENT**

12 Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor
13 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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15 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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17 Minutes of the June 19, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Sara Stettler made a **motion** to
18 approve the minutes as amended. Linda Porter seconded the motion, which was passed by
19 unanimous vote (4-0).

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21 Minutes of the September 18, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Sara Stettler made a **motion**
22 to approve the minutes as written. Gary Woodward seconded the motion, which was passed by
23 unanimous vote (4-0).

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25 **WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

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27 Keith Roper was welcomed as a new member of the Tree Board. Keith has lived in many
28 parts of the world, as his father was in the military. He currently teaches at Utah State University,
29 and his wife teaches at Brigham Young University, so they decided to live in Centerville. He
30 became interested in horticulture in high school from his AP Biology teacher who would take his
31 classes for walks around the neighborhood to look at trees and plants. Mr. Roper said he became
32 interested in serving on the Tree Board after the city removed trees from his park strip.

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34 **DISCUSS WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS**

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36 Sara Stettler reported she sent out a link on the Tree Board website, and she called City
37 Hall earlier today and asked who makes improvements on the website. She was told that Bryce
38 King and Haley Turner are responsible to make updates and improvements. Gary Woodward
39 reported the tree resources are fine, but he also suggested an updated tree list for trees that would
40 be compatible for our climate. The Tree of the Month link will be taken down for now. A Tree
41 Tour will be planned for the future, as the Cemetery Tree Tour last summer went very well. Scott
42 Zeidler will be asked to help with the next Tree Tour.

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44 Tree planting policies need to be added to the Tree Board website. The Tree Board
45 discussed a digital newsletter to be added to the website.

At 8:28 p.m., Heather Taylor arrived at the meeting.

Heather Taylor reported she talked with Jennifer Robison, City Recorder, and Jennifer can make some changes to the website, but technically, it is Haley Turner's responsibility. There are going to be major changes to the city website, as the city logo has changed. Haley Turner will be asked to come to a future Tree Board meeting to discuss the changes the Tree Board would like to have on the city website. The Tree Board would also like to have a Facebook and Instagram page. The Tree Board discussed the Kaysville City website and how easy it is to navigate.

UPDATE ON APPROVED TREE LIST

Sara Stettler said she will contact Brian Plummer, City Council Liaison, to see if there is anything new regarding the policy of removing trees in park strips. Heather Taylor and Gary Woodward have been working on the approved tree list. They feel it could be improved by slimming it down so that there are not as many choices. Delineating where the tree is fine for a park strip, or if it would not work in the park strip. There are some trees that have several varieties of the same tree. For example, there are 20 varieties of the crab apple tree. There are no limitations on trees for yards. Gary Woodward suggested the best way to determine what trees are available for our climate is to go to a nursery and talk with the employees who understand and know about trees.

The Tree Board agreed they will visit local nurseries to get recommendations on trees that work well for our climate. Assignments are as follows:

- Linda Porter - Country Gardens in Kaysville.
- Sara Stettler - J & J Nursery in Layton.
- Heather Taylor - will meet with Bruce Cox, Parks & Recreation Director.
- Gary Woodward - will meet with Ross at Rockin E Country Store in Bountiful.

Gary Woodward said he will give updates to Heather Taylor on the feedback from Rockin E Country Store. Heather said the list of trees should be on the website, and how to plant the trees, and what type of soil and water should be used.

DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Linda Porter suggested as part of the Tree Tour, to have a leaf treasure hunt contest for children to participate in, and possibly a leaf art contest. As part of educational efforts for the community, there could be park strip designing, tree pruning videos, a link for how to water trees in park strips, and guidelines from the Weber Water Basin on the Tree Board website.

NEXT MEETING

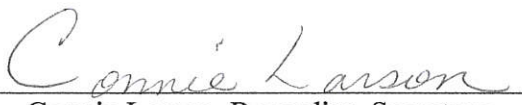
The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 9:25 p.m., Sara Stettler made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Linda Porter seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).


Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

1-15-2025
Date Approved


Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

