

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, January 15, 2025 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
6 Linda Porter
7 Keith Roper
8 Heather Taylor, Chair
9 Gary Woodward

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11 **STAFF PRESENT**

12 Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor
13 Haley Turner, Community Services Manager
14 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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16 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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18 Minutes of the November 20, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Gary Woodward made a
19 **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Sara Stettler seconded the motion, which was passed
20 by unanimous vote (5-0).

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22 **VOTE ON CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2025**

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24 Sara Stettler made a **motion** to nominate Heather Taylor as chair of the Centerville City
25 Tree Board for the year 2025. Linda Porter seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous
26 vote (5-0).

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28 Sara Stettler made a **motion** to nominate Keith Roper as vice-chair of the Tree Board for
29 the year 2025. Linda Porter seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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32 **DISCUSS TREE LIST**

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34 At the last Tree Board meeting, Tree Board members were assigned to visit local nurseries
35 to gather information on trees that work well for our climate. The findings are as follows:

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37 Country Gardens – Linda Porter met with Kim, the owner of Country Gardens. He
38 suggested changes to the list by adding 30 to 40-foot tall and wide trees. Mike Higgins,
39 Parks Supervisor, said 40-foot trees and above are considered large trees. Medium trees
40 would be 20 to 40 feet in height. Kim told Linda that Honey Locust (Pacific Sunburst) trees
41 are not a good tree for park strips. He said flowering fruit trees are a good choice because
42 the roots go straight down. Trees should be planted with space in-between them in case a
43 tree dies, and the other trees will fill in the space. Mike Higgins said the city is already
44 planting their trees using this method. Kim told Linda Porter that utility lines in park strips
45 are a result of poor city planning. The Utah State University website has extensive
46 information on trees.

1 J & J Nursery – Sara Stettler reported the man she met with at J & J Nursery is responsible
2 for ordering their trees, and he approved of the Tree Board tree list, except for the Sweet
3 Gum tree. J & J Nursery carries most of the trees on the list. He said Layton fines
4 businesses who do not plant trees in park strips.

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6 Bruce Cox (Parks & Recreation Director) – Heather Taylor met with Bruce Cox, Parks and
7 Recreation Director. He told Heather to be careful what you hear from nurseries, as they
8 are usually trying to sell you something. He said the best source for information on trees is
9 the Utah State Extension Service.

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11 The Board discussed the ash borer that is an insect that kills ash trees. This insect has been
12 found in North America, but has not been found in Utah.

13 WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

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16 Haley Turner, Community Services Manager, reported the new city logo is ready. The new
17 city website is being designed at this time and will be completed in June. The new website will be
18 more user friendly and less “clicks” will be required to get information. When Haley is ready to
19 add the Tree Board to the new website, she will contact the Tree Board for their input in how they
20 want the website to look. The Tree Board agreed they want at least five sections for videos that are
21 at least five minutes or less on instructions for pruning, watering, and planting of trees. Haley said
22 she will also do the social media channel for Facebook and Instagram for the Tree Board. Haley
23 will be doing the city newsletter that will be mailed out in March, and she will need any
24 information from the Tree Board by February 10th. There will also be a newsletter in July.

25 ARBOR DAY ART CONTEST

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28 Arbor Day is Friday, April 25th. The Arbor Day Art Contest will be held this year at Reading
29 Elementary, and the flyer advertising the contest must be given to Haley Turner by February 10th.
30 Sara Stettler will contact Libby Dibb and Judy Larson, who are local artists and ask them to judge
31 the entries. The Tree Board would like the contest to be a community event, and they will ask
32 businesses in the community to give an in-kind donation. Assignments were given to contact
33 businesses as follows:

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35 Sara Stettler: Chick-fil-A
36 Gary Woodward: Banbury Cross Donuts and Artic Circle
37 Linda Porter: Snelgrove’s Ice Cream and Culver’s
38 Heather Taylor: Rockin E Country Store
39 Keith Roper: Power Sports
40 Mike Higgins: Home Depot

Heather Taylor discussed initiatives she would like to see the Tree Board do. She suggested assigning Board members topics to research and come prepared to the monthly meetings and report on their initiative. Topics would be: educating residents on how to plant, prune, and water trees. Promoting big trees on the other side of the sidewalk, designing park strips, how to flip your strip, how to do fruit tree spraying, and planning a garden.

Haley Turner suggested the Tree Board work with the Whitaker Museum on their Garden Lecture that will be held in March. The Garden Lecture is to educate residents on preparing a garden for planting, and the Tree Board could discuss tree planting, fruit tree spraying, and water conservation at the same time.

At 9:30 p.m., Gary Woodward made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Sara Stettler seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

2-21-2025
Date Approved

Connie Larson
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

