



Town of Erie Tree Advisory Board Application

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Full Name Jason Michael Shimmel

Are you an Erie resident? Yes

Are you under the age of eighteen? No

Home Address

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Employer Shady Grove Horticulture

Job Title/Occupation Nursery Sales Representative

Have you ever been employed by the Town of Erie? No

Do you work for or own a company that does business with the Town of Erie? No

What is your highest level of education completed? Bachelors Degree

Are you currently serving on a board? Yes

Which board are you serving on? Tree Advisory Board

Are you applying for more than one board? No

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Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission and what specific talents or expertise do you bring if appointed?

I am interesting in serving on this board because it is a great way to share my passion and knowledge of trees and horticulture with the great town people of Erie. I have spent the past 4 years on the board, including being Chair since January 2025. This experience has given me great insight into how the Board operates and how I can best leverage our resources to help the town. I also have a degree in Horticulture and have worked in the Nursery industry for over 20 years. This experience has giving me direct knowledge of trees and horticulture for Colorado and how we can best set people up for success in their landscapes.

Have you served on another board/commission in an advisory capacity? If so, please describe the board and what made serving in that capacity a good experience? What were the major concerns or issues?

Yes, I am current Chair of the Tree Advisory Board. This has been a great experience so far as I have been able to leverage my passion and knowledge to help the Town of Erie's trees thrive and watch the confidence grow in our townspeople. The outreach that we have to both students and home owners has been the best part of experience, as we are able to simplify an otherwise daunting process, and help people appreciate trees just as much as I do.

Please describe a situation where you were working with a small group and disagreed with the direction of the project, what did you do? What was the result?

I have been apart of many projects that had disagreements, but I am a true believer that communication is the best way forward. When people are free to express their feelings with a group, others can start to see where they are coming from and work towards finding a common ground. This common ground is where the group can finally start focusing on the results of the project, as opposed to the details that they disagreed on.

If you were appointed, what goals would you like to see accomplished on this board or commission?

If I am reappointed, I will continue to work to grow our two main outreach programs. The first is our annual Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration which we have seen grow in a tremendous way over the last 4 years. The second is our Planting the Future program aimed at 1-3rd graders in Erie to help them get excited about the importance of trees. We are also working on new projects in conjunction with the Sustainability Board that are just in their infancy, and I'm very excited to watch them grow. The two projects are the Fruit Tree Rescue and the Pollinator District.

Are you aware of the time commitment, and do you have the personal time to devote to this board or commission?

Yes, I have been serving on this board since 2022

Please read and agree with the following statement:

I certify that the facts and statements contained in this Board and Commission Application are true and correct. I further understand that false statements shall be sufficient cause for rejection of this application. I further certify that I have not been convicted of a felony under the laws of the State of Colorado or in another jurisdiction. I understand that falsification, omission or misrepresentation will result in a rejection of this application. Any falsification, omission is representation is evidence of perjury in the second degree. If I become a board or commission member with the Town, this form is valid for the period of my term with the Town and the crime records may be updated periodically at the discretion of the Town. I understand that this application is considered a public record and subject to the Colorado Open Records Act.

I Agree

Yes

All board and commission members must follow the rules and regulations in the Erie Municipal Code as well as the Town's policies related to harassment, anti-violence, and technology use.

Yes

Acknowledgement Signature

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Full Name	Patricia ODonnell
Are you an Erie resident?	Yes
Are you under the age of eighteen?	No
Home Address	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
Primary Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Employer	N/A
Job Title/Occupation	N/A
Have you ever been employed by the Town of Erie?	No
Do you work for or own a company that does business with the Town of Erie?	No
What is your highest level of education completed?	Bachelors Degree
Are you currently serving on a board?	Yes
Which board are you serving on?	Tree Board

Are you applying for more than one No
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Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission and what specific talents or expertise do you bring if appointed? Continue service to community with my expertise in Trees and landscaping from previous occupation.

Have you served on another board/commission in an advisory capacity? If so, please describe the board and what made serving in that capacity a good experience? What were the major concerns or issues? N/A

Please describe a situation where you were working with a small group and disagreed with the direction of the project, what did you do? What was the result? As I have previously answered this question a couple of times I would refer to my answers there. Working in a group requires compromise and understanding as to where differing views are coming from. Our tree board works well as a group.

If you were appointed, what goals would you like to see accomplished on this board or commission? We are working on a number of new projects and continuing to do our regular annual commitments to further community involvement and understanding of various tree and park issues for the town. Growing involvement in our Arbor Day event is my #1 issue now.

Are you aware of the time commitment, and do you have the personal time to devote to this board or commission? Yes I have had no issues with this in the past

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Full Name	Lianna Walsh
Are you an Erie resident?	Yes
Are you under the age of eighteen?	No
Home Address	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
Primary Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Alternate Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Employer	Davey Resource Group
Job Title/Occupation	Urban Forestry Project Manager
Have you ever been employed by the Town of Erie?	No
Do you work for or own a company that does business with the Town of Erie?	Yes
If so, please explain	Yes- Erie currently uses the tree management software that my company sells (TreeKeeper). I am unaware of anything else.
What is your highest level of education completed?	Bachelors Degree

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I am interested in helping my community make smart tree decisions and grow its urban canopy! I am also interested in helping engage and educate other community members on the importance of trees and the benefits they bring.

I am an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, an ISA Urban Forest Professional, hold the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification, and have over 8 years experience with urban forestry.

Have you served on another board/commission in an advisory capacity? If so, please describe the board and what made serving in that capacity a good experience? What were the major concerns or issues?

Yes. I recently joined the Colorado Tree Coalition Champion Tree Committee. It has been a great experience so far. I have helped measure champion trees throughout Colorado and will be assisting with some administrative tasks to help improve the program. No concerns or issues. This committee meets quarterly and does not overlap with the tree advisory board meeting.

Please describe a situation where you were working with a small group and disagreed with the direction of the project, what did you do? What was the result?

As a project manager I have been in situations where people do not agree on the best way to accomplish a goal. When leading scoping and team meetings I make a point to make sure all opinions are heard and different perspectives are taken into account. Compromise is always a top priority.

If you were appointed, what goals would you like to see accomplished on this board or commission?

I would love to assist with community education and engagement. I know that the Town has seen a huge increase in development over the last few years and would like to help make sure trees are protected and prioritized in our community.

Are you aware of the time commitment, and do you have the personal time to devote to this board or commission?

Yes

Upload resume and additional documents (optional)

 Tree Board Resume.pdf

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Lianna Walsh

Education

Stony Brook University

Bachelor of Science in Biology
Concentration in Ecology and Evolution

Stony Brook, NY

Graduation: May 2017

Experience

Urban Forest Project Manager/ Site Manager

July 2019 to Present

Davey Resource Group

- Managed teams tasked with inventorying all trees owned and maintained by cities and towns including all right of ways, parks and cemeteries. Managed projects in New York, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey, and California.
- Contributed to planning projects including tree ordinance revisions, urban forest management plans, inventory analysis and maintenance strategies, i-tree eco analysis plans, and the production of educational and community engagement materials.
- Lead client meetings including pre-kickoff meetings, kickoff meetings, TreeKeeper orientations, management plan meeting, and project closeout meetings.
- Created work plans for, reviewed safety procedures with, and assisted team members with species identification and other general questions.
- Speciated, measured and completed risk assessments for each tree within assigned areas.
- Identified viable planting locations
- Requested, reviewed and used in-house GIS based programs to record data on a field computer.
- Completed both in-field and office review of each team member's data on a weekly basis.
- Created training documents and videos for field crews.
- Performed pre-construction assessments and appraisals of forested areas to determine local tree ordinance compliance. This included locating and assessing specimen trees for size, condition and species rarity.
- Work on mitigation projects which included pesticide applications, tree plantings, seed spreading, and trash removal.

Data Manager / Inventory Arborist

August 2018- July 2019

Davey Resource Group

Brooklyn, NY

- Reviewed and prepared data for the final deliverable.
- Coordinated with land-owners to schedule inspections.
- Worked with the client (USDA) to resolve land-access issues and provide support for our GIS based system.
- Carried out in-field quality control for general errors and mis-identified/missed trees.
- Provided office support to field teams and worked to resolve data issues.
- Includes all responsibilities listed in the Inventory Arborist position below.

Inventory Arborist

January-August 2018

Davey Resource Group

Brooklyn, NY

- Part of a crew tasked with surveying the NYC area for Asian long-horned beetle (ALB) damage in all public and private trees.
- Assisted with public outreach by explaining to home owners what our project is and educated them on the signs of ALB.
- Identified and inventoried host tree species.
- Used an in-house GIS based program to record data.

Seasonal Field Technician

May to August 2016

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Endangered and Non-game Species Program Clinton, NJ

- Conducted bi-weekly surveys of previously managed snake habitat sites. This included taking canopy cover readings using a spherical densiometer and assessing felled/ fallen trees for habitat structure.
- Inventoried invasive tree and plant species to determine the location and extent of a proposed prescribed burn.
- Assessed forested areas for management to create open basking habitat.
- Assessed vegetation plots as part of a bog turtle habitat monitoring project.
- Responded to venomous snake reports and assisted in relocation.
- Transported and released venomous snakes.
- Conducted visual and acoustic bat surveys.
- Data entry and organization.
- Sterilized field equipment.
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Skills and Certifications

- ISA Board Certified Master Arborist NY-6427BM
- ISA Urban Forest Professional NY-6427BM
- Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ)