



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes Tree Advisory Board

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

6:30 PM

In-person

1. Call Meeting to Order @ 6:31 pm

2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

- A. Jason Shimmel (Chair), excused
- B. Claudia Smelko (Vice Chair), present
- Leanne Vielehr (Secretary), present
- Amy Demeyer, present
- Patricia O'Donnell, absent
- Taylor Thomson, present
- Nathan Ruane, present
- Erie Council Liaisons: Emily Baer

3. Approval of the Agenda

- A. Approve agenda.
 - a) Motion: Amy
 - b) Second: Leanne

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. Amend minutes to correct "virtual" to "in-person"
- B. September 2025 Tree Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, as amended
 - a) Motion: Leanne
 - b) Second: Taylor
- C. Jason to send approved minutes to Erie Town Clerk

5. Public Comments

- A. Public Comment:
 - 1) none

6. General Business

- A. Tree Talk Newsletter
 - 1) All information has been submitted to staff and it should be coming out in the next day or 2
 - 2) Next Newsletter is January, materials will be due January 1st.
 - a) Potential topics:
 - Winter watering reminder
 - School outreach for spring
 - Favorite tree
 - Create a calendar reminder graphic for reminders during the year
 - b) Look at what topics we did last winter
 - c) Finalize topics in November
- B. 2025 Trees Walks
 - 1) October walk
 - a) Really well attended!
 - 19 adults, 2 kids, 5 board members, 1 HAPB, 2 staff and 3 council/commissions
 - Last year's Oct. walk (Old Town) was also the most well attended last year

- *Seems like the location and extra advertising on social media is helping*
- *Should we consider shifting the time to later in the afternoon/evening – Ask Tom his thoughts.*
- *We could consider doing some “lecture style”, “demo” or “how to”*
- *Will start setting dates for next year in February*

C. Fruit Tree Rescue Update

- 1) 310 lbs of human grade (A) – Erie Food Banks, Community Food Share, Meals on Wheels*
- 2) 125 lbs of animals grade (B) – Good Life rescue and Luv in Arms Animal Sanctuary*
- 3) 5 sites total*
- 4) It wasn't a good spring for fruit so next year which reduced the amount of fruit.*
- 5) Our contribution for the year is \$750.*
- 6) Would be good to see some of the fruit go to senior living or other communities in the area*

D. Canary Trail Update

- 1) Friday, Oct. 3rd Canary Trail Art Sculpture Dedication*
- 2) Gave away bird houses*
- 3) 6 total sculptures total, permanent installation*
- 4) Canary Trail connects to Linear Park*
 - a) Staff is looking into the water tap and electrical easement location*

E. Other Business

- 1) Brian provided a contact for Black Hills Energy to invite them to exhibit at Arbor Day*
- 2) Wetland dedication at Recycling Center on Oct. 18th at 10am*
 - a) Could be a future Tree Walk location*

Z. Adjournment @ 7:04 pm

- A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30pm - In-person at Town Hall Community Room*

Tree Advisory Board