



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes Tree Advisory Board

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

6:34 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

6:37 PM

2. ROLL CALL

- A. Leanne Vielehr, Present
Brian O'Connor, Present
Toby Hopp, Absent
Jane Hilleren, Present
Yusupha Jow, Absent
Patricia O'Donnell, Present
Jason Shimmel, Excused
- B. Erie Trustee Liaisons:
Andrew Sawusch, Present
Emily Baer, Present
- C. Staff: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. n/a

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (April 2023)

- A. Approved:
 - Motion to Approve: Jane
 - Second: Brian
- B. Brian to send approved minutes to Erie Town Clerk

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Arbor Day/Earth Day:

- 1) Met last week with SAB for Lessons Learned:
 - a) Went Well:
 - Plants given away by Erie horticulturists
 - # of exhibitors -- maxed out
 - Overall the event went very well and SAB wants to do with with us again next year.
 - Attendance:
 - Library pop-up: 383 visitors.
 - SAB: Gave away 350 bags, 1-50 LED bulb kits.
 - Last year seemed about the same. Previous years were substantially less.
 - b) Could Have Gone Better :
 - PA system cutting in and out
 - SAB would like input into emcee script.
 - c) To Consider Doing Next Time:
 - Increase duration
 - Have dedicated staff (event coordinators) assist
 - Have a rental company set up tables, etc.

- Invite OSTAB as planners/hosts
 - More directly promote the Erie tree programs.
- 2) SAB will follow up with vendors.
Suggestions already received:
 - a) e-bikes could have a route planned out.
 - b) Food: Fruit truck didn't do very well. Tacos did. Ice cream made quota.
 - 3) Emily and Jason got a huge compliment on the event from an attendee.

B. Tree Talk / Tree Walk:

- 1) Date and time: *May 19 noon*, meet at Garfield Ctr/Plant Select garden.
- 2) *June 23, noon*, will be at one of 3 parks, per dot poll.
- 3) **Leanne** will email Tom the dot poll results. He will need to choose a park. *Done*.
- 4) A page for tree walks, discussed in March – **Leanne** follows up when she sends dot poll results. *Done*.
- 5) Tree walks could be an opportunity to discuss tree maintenance related to storms, like last night's hail storm.

C. School Outreach:

- a) Need to pick up from schools, probably on the 22 May. **Brian** will contact schools and drop off the Denver Botanic Garden tickets. **Jane** will pick up the kits at the schools once Brian sends the ok.
- b) Future discussion: What trees does Tom want to promote in the Erie canopy?

D. Comprehensive Plan and 150th Anniversary Celebration

- 1) Neither group has met again.
- 2) The Comprehensive Plan group will meet on Monday, June 12.

E. Other:

- 1) [Roots and Shoots](#): Jane Goodall program. **Jane** looks into for the next meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Brian adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

*Next regular meeting – June 14, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
Community Room, Erie Town Hall*