



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Agenda Tree Advisory Board (TAB)

Wednesday February 11th, 2026

6:30 PM

In-Person

1. Call Meeting to Order @ 6:32 P.M.

2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

- A. Jason Shimmel (Chair), present
- B. Claudia Smelko (Vice Chair), present
- C. Leanne Vielehr (Secretary), excused
- D. Amy Demeyer, present
- E. Patricia O'Donnell, excused
- F. Taylor Thomson, excused
- G. Nathan Ruane, present
- H. Erie Council Liaisons: Brian O'Connor

3. Approval of the Agenda

- A. Motion to approve: Amy. Second: Claudia

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. January 14th, 2026 Tree Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Motion to approve: Claudia. Second: Nathan

5. General Business

- A. Public Comment and Non-Agenda Items
 - 1) None
- B. 2026 Tree Talk Newsletter
 - 1) Deadline is April 1st for our Spring Newsletter
 - 2) Claudia will do a writeup on a spring flowering tree, possibly a Redbud, and we will try to get folks to submit their favorite spring flowering tree pictures
 - 3) Amy will do a writeup on how to best plant a tree, that will segway into a brief shoutout to our Tree Rebate program
 - 4) Jason will do a writeup highlighting our Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration that will happen about 2 weeks after the newsletter is published.
 - 5) We will also highlight our first tree walk scheduled for May, location still yet to be determined
- C. 2025-2026 Planting the Future
 - 1) We need to confirm with Tom that we have enough seeds for 2026
 - 2) We have 5 total schools that are interested: Erie Elementary, Black Rock, Meadowlark, Highlands, and Soaring Heights as of 2/12
 - 3) 4 Schools would like in person visits, Jason to send out an email to the whole team to coordinate date/times for each visit based on requests from the teachers
- D. 2026 Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration
 - 1) Claudia and Amy have another meeting with SAB about the event on 2/12.

- 2) *Progress is going well so far. There are a large amount of vendors already applying, so the special group will start going through them at the 2/12 meeting and report back to TAB.*
 - 3) *We would like to make some stickers for the 2025 Poster Contest winner to give out at the event in 2026, but we need to confirm with the Town that this is okay.*
 - 4) *The Library has been confirmed as the backup space for 2026.*
 - 5) *Brian will ask the Mayor if he is able to join the event.*
 - 6) *Jason will reach out to Emily to ask our Congressman to join.*
- E. Town Fair Booth*
- 1) *The group decided not to have a booth at the Town Fair this year.*
- F. Other business*
- 1) *The group discussed the 3 members who's term is up at the end of April and how each of them can reapply.*
 - 2) *There is a Fruit Tree Rescue meeting on February the 24th that SAB would like a member of TAB to join, so the team is going to check their schedules to see if it can work for anyone.*

6. Adjournment

- A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 11th, 2026 at 6:30pm in Person