



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Agenda

Tree Advisory Board (TAB)

Wednesday August 13th, 2025

6:30 PM

Zoom

1. Call Meeting to Order @ 6:31

A. This meeting was moved to a zoom call as the AC was out at Town Hall.

2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

- A. Approve Agenda
B. Motion: Claudia
C. Second: Amy
D. Approved

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. July 9th, 2025 Tree Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
B. Motion: Amy
C. Second: Nathan
D. Approved

5. General Business

- A. Public Comment and Non-Agenda Items
- No Public Comment
- B. Linear Park Update
- Mike Turner from HPAB joined us to discuss the Depot and got a great history lesson, including info on the Hebbs property which is zoned Commercial.
 - The Depot has a long history in Erie, and both TAB and HBAP would like to work together to save it and potentially put it in Linear Park
 - The Depot discussion will be added to our Bi-Annual Report
 - One of the major aspects of incorporating the Depot into Linear park will be the

addition of water.

C. Erie Air Fair

- The group would like to attend and share a booth with SAB. We are going to ask OSTAB and HPAB if they would like to share a booth as well.*
- The booth needs to be away from the music.*
- We may collect signatures of support for Linear Park and the Depot.*
- Jason will send out a schedule for the AirFair to see who can help and where.*

D. Tree Talk Newsletter

- Jason will write about the Fruit Tree Rescue – 250ish words*
- Amy will do a quick writeup about composting at Recycling Center – 100ish words*
- Claudia will do a writeup on the pro verse cons of Aspen trees*
- We need to make it easier to register for our newsletter*

E. 2025-2026 School Outreach and Tree Growing Kits

- The group approved the letter to the schools*
- We will work with the Town Staff to build a logo for Planting for the Future*

F. 2025 Trees Walks

- Avenues to advertise the next tree walks: Social Media (Green Thumbs Facebook page and main Erie, Colorado Page), Rec Center*

G. Fruit Tree Rescue Update

- The initial drafts of the flyers were shown to the group.*
- The group agreed that we need to add something about the program being free.*

H. Bi-Annual Report

- Claudia would like the group to be there to support!*
- Add Fruit Tree Rescue and Linear Park to the slide show*

I. 2026 Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration

- Nothing was discussed during the topic*

J. Pollinator District

- Nothing was discussed during this topic*

K. Other business

6. Adjournment @ about 8 P.M

- A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 at 6:30pm in Person