



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes

Tree Advisory Board

June 11, 2025

6:30 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6: 32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

All approved.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

All approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. 2025 Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration

- need to enforce rules on tent size and the use of compostable disposable items with vendors for next year
- Claudia brought up that maybe the food trucks are too far away from the action
- need a better P.A. system and announce food trucks on the new P.A. system
- should we move the event to Coal Creek Park for a better layout?
- Erie Community Park has a solid surface and maybe a lot of pros and cons to moving vs staying put.
- We will see what vendor surveys say about the location
- All in all, it is agreed that it was a very successful event

B. Tree Talk Newsletter

- all set for this month – goes out Monday
- next Newsletter is Oct 1st
- notes from Tom Read for next newsletter – just suggestions
- leaf collection probably needs to be a small blurb
- Claudia- suggested we need to do an article about aspens – pros and cons and options to plant instead
- Should we focus on the right tree for small backyards in the next several newsletters?
- get a tree poster from Schmidt

C. School Outreach and Tree Kits

- get in touch with teachers earlier before school starts
- Claudia wondered how much the tree kits cost.

D. 2025 Tree Walks

- Last Friday's Walk in Coal Creek Park was mostly staff and interns for town forestry department
- needed to be advertised more
- need to post on Green Thumbs of Erie
- next walk is Sept 5th in Old Town and Oct 3rd at Cemetery
- need to get info from dot poll
- possibly partner up with Old Town Outreach for next tree walk to get their input and include Old Town residents
- need Tom Read's feedback on Old Town Outreach

E. Fruit Tree Rescue Update

- board all agreed to give them \$750

F. Pollinator District

- Claudia suggested to a partner with open space management about spreading pollinator seeds and maybe even growing a garden in Linear Park to support pollinators
- need counts to see if our work is helping pollinators -Claudia to talk to Casey at Friends of Coal Creek and get clarification
- what is needed for spreading pollinator seeds and find out from Casey and invite him to the next TAB meeting to discuss

G. Linear Park

- incorporate it with a pollinator district?
- a letter from TAB later in the process to help get irrigation into the park by Town Council It's too hot and needs shade and trees to support artwork and sculptures
- Brian needs as much info as we have to support his case to the Town Council – Claudia to send info to Brian and get a letter from "Catalpa Lady" with her support for enhancing the park
- Should we reach out to the Historic Board to acquire the train depot for the park? Jason to touch base with Mike on the Historic Board.

H. Budget Update

- submitted to Tom Read asking to increase TAB from \$3000/year to \$5000/year
- Tom said it will be November before we know if the approved budget should reflect the growth of the town and all of our projects and future projects
- to be mentioned at the next Bi-Annual meeting

I. Other Business

- prepare for next Bi-Annual Meeting added to next TAB meeting agenda
- get a word from Mike Turner for the Bi-Annual Meeting

Z. ADJOURNMENT 7:48 p.m.

Next regular meeting – August 13, 2025

