

TOWN OF ERIE

Meeting Minutes - Final

Tree Board

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

7:00 PM

Community Room

1. CALL TO MEETING ORDER

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ROLL CALLBrian O'Connor, PresentErica Beatman, AbsentKim Tuck, PresentRon Merx, AbsentRachel Folger, AbsentArthur Henderlong, PresentJennifer Carroll, AbsentSharon Clark, Present

PUBLIC COMMENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS None

APPROVE April 2017 MEETING MINUTES Motion: Arthur Henderlong Second: Brian O'Connor Vote: Unanimous after correction made to second page

GENERAL BUSINESS

Erie Historic Preservation Advisory Board Presentation Jackie Connor, Chair, and Dave Snow, V Chair, used a PowerPoint presentation detailing the work of their advisory board to preserve buildings with historical and/or historical significance. They shared the process they follow to authenticate that significance by studying surveys and historical documents and the procedure they follow to have the location designated a historical landmark. Once they identify a property worthy of designation, they explained how they work with the property owner and the Erie Town Board to preserve the location. The process costs the property owner nothing, and funding is provided in part by the Federal Historic Preservation Fund. They work to coordinate the preservation of properties with the Erie Planning Board. The advisory board is continuing to work on identifying additional buildings in the downtown area with historical significance and is in the process of developing pamphlets for walking and bike tours of Erie.

DISCUSSIONS

Review of Arbor/Day Day Event (Changes, ideas, etc.) Art shared information gathered at the event from attendees on how they became aware of the event. Of those responding, the number of respondents and the sources they credited were as follows; 10 Facebook, 10 Erie email, 6 Water bill, 5 Attended in the past, last Saturday of April, 4 Family (Mom/wife), 3 Erie Website, 3 Erie Rec Center, 3 Mail/mailer, 1 Boy Scouts, 1 Chamber newsletter, 1 Channel 9 Health Fair, 1 Newspaper and 1 Tina's Newsletter. Given the feedback, those present discussed the possibility of reducing the printing of posters along with the possibility of requesting the use of Erie's road light sign marker prior to and on the day of the event designating the day, time and location of the event. The possibility of planning for an optional indoor location (such as the Rec. Center Community Room) on the same date, should the weather be foreboding. This topic will be further discussed at next meeting.

Direction of Tree Board (Leaf composting, outreach, etc.)

The general consensus of those present was that leaf and other yard material composting would be a project and goal we would like to pursue this year. Several surrounding communities have programs, and we should investigate what they provide, how the programs were implemented, what the programs cost, and how well they are working. The recent town survey feedback may be of use in our investigation. As the Town Board investigates using a single waste hauler, they can also consider including yard waste collection.

Other

We received a check for \$100 from the Boy Scouts and discussed what we might do with the funds. Possibilities discussed were; help the BSA Troop purchase needed equipment or fund an Eagle Project in Erie. It was decided that we should contact the Troop Scoutmaster to ask for ideas on what might be appropriate or helpful.

Tree Board Officers for 2107 Election of the officers tabled until next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT 8:24 P.M. Motion: Brian O'Connor Second: Art Henderlong

Next Meeting June 14, 2017, 7:00 Community Room, Erie Town Hall