



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes - Final

Tree Board

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

7:00 PM

1. CALL TO MEETING ORDER

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 7:02pm

ROLL CALL Brian O'Connor, Present
Erica Beatman, Present
Kim Tuck, Present
Rachel Folger, Absent
Arthur Henderlong, Present
Sharon Clark, Present
Jennifer Carroll, Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Leanne - attended meeting to observe

APPROVE August 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Erica
Second: Kim
Vote: Unanimous

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Great Erie Outdoor Adventure Retrospective

- Most people showed up near the end to get their stamps
- Some had questions for Mike McGill (town arborist) re: tree care
- Sandbags or something needed to weight the canopy down and protect from winds
- Perhaps not worth our time in the future given the amount of foot traffic
- Agreement: drop outdoor adventure for next year

2018 Event targets

- Arbor day (required and will still be our very big event)
- Pick 1-2 farmer's markets (perhaps themed and advertised, how to prune, how to prep for fall)
- Town Fair (lots of foot traffic)
- Kim suggested a meeting with other tree boards in neighboring towns to swap ideas
- Neighborwoods October (Sharon - more info needed
<http://celebratearborday.com/neighborwoods/>)
- Events with Mike McGill (plantings, lectures, etc)

Needed: FAQ so we're on the same page with answers - Erica will start a draft and we can comment on additions

Leaf Composting
Status update - Art

- Could have our banner up for the composting when we do this event. Announce that people can ask us questions.
- Proposal went to board last night but didn't vote. They need to budget the money for us to do it.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AVN8gWC3ppluN5oVvYUN5uzHjTxbjEIWr4N08KZHjq8/edit>
- The board wants sustainability committee to meet with them to discuss details first before they vote and decide.
- Large container for leaves are not covered so we need it in a secure location so not compromised.
- Perhaps only 2 days instead of 4. Will also collect pumpkins so perhaps keep date in Nov.
- Too late to get boy scout involvement for this year.
- Advertise on Facebook, parks and rec sign, Tina Harris' newsletter and water bill if we can make the deadline.
- Art will update the contact list and we can determine what days people can volunteer so we only schedule on days people are available.

School Outreach
Status update - Brian

- Brian contacted his kid's teacher and she was thrilled.
- Needs to draft a letter for the principals - could tie into the curriculum for a specific class or time of year
- Mike McGill is onboard

Exhibit Display / Material
Status update - Sharon

- Standing mesh: <http://www.displays2go.com/P-32114/3-Panel-Art-Show-Display-U-Shaped-Design>
- Tabletop (not mesh): <http://www.displays2go.com/C-1527/3-Panel-Tabletop-Display-Boards-Portable-Presentations>
- Sharon will send to group for feedback, if we agree on one, then ask other boards, then talk to town to request purchase.

Discussions:

Outreach (Lectures? Other ideas?)

- Ash borer discussion/meetings - identify examples in town, then discuss with tree board about what to recommend for plantings instead.
- "Tree Board presents" - lecture series - Ash borer, compost, pruning, mulching, general care. Can feature Mike McGill's lectures as well as other organizations depending on topic. First lecture to occur in February - after winter holidays, around same time as Colorado Home and Garden Show and before people make their yard plans for the year.
- How much say do we have in trees put into green space and neighborhoods?

% diversity requirements, shading, etc?

- Erica will ask Mike McGill re: what kind of tree diversity we have
- Need/Idea: Bolster the guidelines for new developments for the trees that are put in - diversity, etc.

Combination of Tree Board and Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee discussion

- Decided no: would rather do more with more people than more with half the people as the membership would decrease if the board combines with the committee.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT .

Motion: Kim

Second: Sharon

Vote: Unanimous

Next Meeting

October 11, 2017, 8:01

Community Room, Erie Town Hall