



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes - Final

Tree Board

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

7:00 PM

Community Room

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Review & Approval of November 2018 Minutes

Tree Talks

- Spring 2019 – Art

Leaf Composting

- 11/3 & 11/18...final thoughts – Art & TB

Tree Buying Program

- Update to the program – Rachel & Art

Arbor / Earth Day 2019 Event

- 4/27/2019 – Sharon

School Outreach

- Update – Brian & Leanne

Future Direction

- Update(s) – Tom and Kim
- Native trees and possible incentives - Tom

Discussions

MEETING ADJOURMENT

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 7:04pm

ROLL CALL Brian O'Connor, Present
Tom Swihart, Present
Kim Tuck, Excused
Rachel Folger, Present
Arthur Henderlong, Present
Sharon Clark, Present
Leanne Vielehr, Excused

Trustee Christiaan van Woudenberg, Present

PUBLIC COMMENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS
n/a

APPROVE November 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Moved to approve: Tom

Second: Brian

Approved: unanimous

GENERAL BUSINESS

Tree Talks

Growing numbers of people interested.

Initial plans for spring to include hands on activities: plant, prune, etc.

Possibly meet at midday on a Saturday at a park or school.

Could be possible to cycle through HOAs. Possibly a date in late March, April, or May.

Leaf Composting

Art would like to put together a small group, two from each Board (sustainability, tree) + Christiaan to discuss a retrospective on the event (costs, efficiencies, future plans, etc).

Tree Buying Program

Art talked with Mike and sent around a document describing possibilities.

Town tree incentive program would be used to purchase.

We'd buy an amount (~100 trees)

And residents would pay a small subset of cost to purchase the tree.

What doesn't sell, would be available at Arbor Day event for sale.

What doesn't sell at all, would go to Town's nursery for use in town land.

Town staff could handle tree pick up and offer a 2-day window for resident pickup.

Mike will look into budgeting.

We could promote that we are having this with a flyer at Arbor day.

We'd need to put together a proposal to offer to the Board.

Art, Rachel, and Brian will help formulate the proposal.

Motion to endorse proposal as presented to propose tree buying program for 2020 to Board of Trustees: Tom

Second: Art

Approved: unanimous

Arbor/Earth Day 2019 Event

Monali (from sustainability) and Sharon have contacted exhibitors. 4 are confirmed, 4 are considering, and 1 is a tentative yes. The remainder haven't replied yet.

Art has reserved the backup indoor location at the ECC. We should release the room within 10-14 days ahead of time if weather is good so someone else can use it.

School Outreach

Brian will send out letters in January, after the holidays. Brian, Leanne, and Mike will work on class limit, and other logistics.

Future Directions

Tom: review of regional tree incentive programs being addressed with tree buying program.

Art/Tom: scoresheet of priorities from members, haven't gotten together to discuss the identified priorities. Would be willing to work on annual work plan. Native trees and possible incentives (Smithsonian article). Should there be a preference for planting native trees, or low-water, or low-irrigation trees? What trees are native or low-water for our area? How does that interact with the Town's tree diversity goals? Brian and Tom will look into more info.

Discussions

Plan for a February presentation to the Board of Trustees of Tree Board activities for 2018. Just tell Christiaan when we want to do the presentation after we've finished the presentation and it'll be put on the next meeting's agenda.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 7:57pm

Next Meeting

January 9, 2019, 7:00 pm
Community Room, Erie Town Hall