



# TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street  
Erie, CO 80516

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Tree Board

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Wednesday, May 8, 2019

7:00 PM

Community Room

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#### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

#### ROLL CALL

#### PUBLIC COMMENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Review & Approval of April 2019 Minutes

#### Low Water / Native Plant Resolution

- Rocky Mountain Audubon videoconference – Tom

#### Arbor / Earth Day 2019 Event

- Retrospective – All

#### Great American Tree Competition

- Details of competition - Sharon

#### Tree Talk

- Update to the program – Art

#### School Outreach

- Update – Brian and Leanne

#### Tree Buying Program

- Update to the program – Art

#### Tree Board Officer Positions

- Chair, Vice-chair, and Secretary - All

#### Discussions

#### MEETING ADJOURNMENT

#### TREE BOARD MINUTES

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#### CALL MEETING TO ORDER 7:02pm

ROLL CALL      Brian O'Connor, Excused

Tom Swihart, Present

Kim Tuck, Present

Rachel Folger, Absent

Arthur Henderlong, Present

Sharon Clark, Present

Leanne Vielehr, Present

Trustee Christiaan van Woudenberg, Present

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Motion to adjust the agenda with flexibility: Art

Second: Kim

Approved: Unanimous

**APPROVE April 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Moved to approve: Kim

Second: Leanne

Approved: unanimous

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Low Water / Native Plant Resolution**

Rocky Mountain Audubon - phone conference to discuss a project CSU students did.

Daly Edmunds - Director of Policy and Outreach

Jaime Weiss - Habitat Hero Coordinator

They have ideas for implementation. Maps showing connected habitats and habitat hero gardens and neighborhoods. Ideas for demonstration gardens with native plants, outreach activities, and science-backed policy.

Habitat Heros - work with individuals to maximize native plants to create small habitat habits for birds, butterflies, etc to rebuild and restore the fractured landscape one garden at a time. Has a certification program. There are no Habitat Hero gardens in Erie currently.

How can Audubon Rocky Mountain help with responsible development and promote that for other communities?

Planning - be a part of strategic planning process, attend meetings, leverage connections with other partners. CSU spatial planning is one example. Students tasked for mapping areas with rich habitats. Erie had a corridor of rich habitat area running north to south while other communities have structures and building in the middle of town and wildlife areas on the edges of town. Can also help with plant lists and put up demonstration gardens.

Art would like to see if the Audubon members in Erie would be willing to participate. Audubon itself can contact these members and notify them of events.

Tom will send us the CSU student project. Has put files on the Tree Board Sharepoint drive.

Website: <http://rockies.audubon.org/habitat-hero>

Christiaan will bring the resolution to the Board of Trustees and remind the Town Administrator. Note that the Arborist position has not yet been filled. Christiaan recommended a couple of Tree Board members to meet

informally to the Town Administrator to explain the vision and what we hope to accomplish. Art suggests meeting with Malcolm with 1 or 2 members of each of the 3 boards (Tree, Sustainability, OSTAB).

#### Arbor / Earth Day 2019 Event Retrospective

Food - A few bags of fruit remained at the end so could use less fruit in the future.

Coffee - two cambros were filled.

Chair options - recommend having a single main chair with subcommittee chairs to handle aspects of the event such as food/drink, marketing/advertising, poster contest, etc. This will enable us to add on the event as we just need to designate someone as a lead of that new component. Tree Board should be primary chair since we are required to hold the Arbor Day event and are ultimately responsible for it.

110 raffle tickets distributed.

How to handle one-ticket per household? Recommend having a sign next to the raffle ticket distributor. We just verbally told people but that isn't the most effective. They were in the announcements but were hard to hear.

Mike McGill mentioned previously that staff members would like to rotate the event each year. Art suggests - that we need to take the size of the park into account to ensure that we can support the number of exhibitors. Also has ramifications for back-up location. Who decides what the location should be?

#### Great American Tree Competition

No one has time to address this this year. However it happens every year and this is the fourth year. Part of the American Grove organization. They have a newsletter. Might be a good way to engage the community via social media to think about our community trees. People just submit pictures and information about their favorite community trees, including height to the contest.

Tom - would also like to highlight landmark trees in Town.

#### Tree Talk

Tree talk this Saturday 10:30-noon - at Kenosha area Crescent Park. Several potential planting sites. Mike McGill will bring planting handouts as well as shovels but Art doesn't know how many trees will be planted. Would like to provide educational literature of how to debug tree issues during planting before the tree distribution next year.

At prior indoor tree talks - there was cookies and water. Should we offer that with an outdoor digging event.

Leanne - cookies and water probably shouldn't be expected - a nice gesture. Art will see if there is a water fountain.

Tree Board members should be there by 10am with Tree Board shirts on.

#### School Outreach

Email report from Brian: As of last night, I will be using the tree seed planting kits for a Soaring Heights event, interacting with about 110 kids

#### Tree Buying Program

Boulder County program - since we have interest - they have 31 trees available to any Erie resident. Art ordered one and then they said we have 100 trees available and we can tell neighbors. Art told Tasha Reynolds about it and Art recommended she open it to town staff since number is small. Pick-ups are immediate. Website is <http://energysavingtrees.arboday.org>.

Tasha is managing the town tree incentive program and is looking into changing the voucher program because there are discomforts with how that is handled now. She is interested in working with us. Art and Tom will meet with her.

#### Tree Board Officer Positions

Brian expressed interest to not be Chair.

Nominate for Chair Leanne: Art

Second: Kim

Vote: Unanimous

Nominate for Vice-Chair Art: Tom

Second: Art

Vote: Unanimous

Nominate for Secretary Sharon: Kim

Second: Leanne

Vote: Unanimous

#### General Discussion

Art will reach out to Rachel to see if Wednesday night is not a good night or if she is still interested.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 8:07pm**

**Next Meeting**

**June 12, 2019, 7:00 pm**

**Community Room, Erie Town Hall**