



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes - Final

Tree Board

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

7:00 PM

Community Room

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

PUBLIC COMMENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Review & Approval of August 2019 Minutes

Motion

Mike McGill and Patrick Plummer

Tree Talks

Trees Across Erie

School Outreach in spring

Erie Elementary Preschool teacher, Lisa Shuttleworth requested a few trees to be planted around the preschool playground

Leaf Composting

Dates – Sat. Nov. 2nd and Sunday Nov. 17th

Mike McGill will be City contact for event

Low Water / Native Plant Resolution

Update – Tom

Tree Board Calendar

Have board members had a chance to review?

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 7:01pm

ROLL CALL Brian O'Connor, Present

Tom Swihart, Present

Kim Tuck, Absent

Rachel Folger, Present

Arthur Henderlong, Present

Sharon Clark, Present

Leanne Vielehr, Present

Trustee Christiaan Van Woudenberg, Present

APPROVE July 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Moved to approve: Tom

Second: Rachel

Approved: unanimous

GENERAL BUSINESS

New Town Forester hired – Patrick Plummer

First day was Monday, 8/12

There is also a new Director of Parks and Recreation.

Patrick and Mike McGill – attending the September Tree Board meeting (tentative) - verbal confirmation to Art

Items to discuss with Mike/Patrick in September:

- Tree Talks
- New Tree Buying Program – who's the contact
- School Outreach in spring

Tree Talk

Art/Tom talked to Tasha Reynolds, Mike McGill, and Patrick Plummer.

2nd/3rd week of September - will be outdoors - people planting trees

Probably at two different parks.

Tree talks on planting intended to occur before people get their trees so they have training ahead of time.

People have to get trees by Oct 31st for the certificate program.

There may be another topic for a fall tree talk as well

Intend to do advertising by end of August for upcoming tree-related programming (tree talks, certificates, purchasing program).

Leaf Composting

Proposed dates per Sustainability Board (SAB) – Sat. Nov. 23 and Sun. Dec. 1st

Monali Mujumdar will be SAB point of contact for event

Would recommend not doing Dec 1 because that is the Sunday after Thanksgiving. People might be traveling.

Recommended dates: Sat 11/2 and Sun 11/17

Leanne will contact Monali re: alternative proposed dates.

Brian and Art could assist. Brian recommends asking if they still want to do Earth/Arbor Day. If they aren't interested then we should drop Earth Day. They are more interested in a week long of events leading up to Earth Day rather than participating with Arbor Day.

Tree Buying Program

Update – Art

Tasha Reynolds setting up the software program for the tree certificate/purchasing program. Paying Arbor Day to use their software. She got approval from Arbor Day foundation to use their program to sell trees. Has info on where to plant trees, energy savings, order the tree online, etc. She put in everyone's address so it's very specific to Erie residents rather than just zip code. Money collections, notices of tree availability, etc are all handled by the system.

Certificates will no longer be a lottery. First come, first served. Rolling waiting list system. Certificates must be used by Oct 31st.

There will be Spring & Fall certificate program.

Residents will also have the option to purchase one of the discount trees from the Colorado Tree Coalition. Our purchase program will be called Trees Across Erie.

We could also participate with the Boulder Tree Purchasing plan.

Certificates for Spring, Fall, and two different purchasing programs could occur at different times so could evaluate what works better. Ok to do both purchasing programs this year for metrics and evaluation on which works better if Town Staff is ok with it.

Could ask previous purchasers to send pictures and success stories of their successful trees.

Rachel - Boy scouts do want to help with leaf composting.

See if students in high school want to get involved for their service hours.

They could also potentially go around and help people and rake/bring their leaves at senior housing, etc.

Low Water / Native Plant Resolution

Update – Tom

Malcolm sent Tom email with considerations around the resolution.

Tom/Art met with Jeff Purcell to discuss the Malcolm email.

Ken Martin from Open Space board are making recommendations to unified development code already.

Topics to discuss with Malcolm

- Budget
- Amendments to unified development code
- Outreach ideas
- Partnerships
- Potential financial incentives

Aiming to finalize these topics, recommendations and get the boards to approve and then send to Board of Trustees for consideration.

Some ideas involving encouraging changes to current landscaping - xeriscape etc such as with demonstration gardens. Colorado law prohibits HOAs from forbidding xeriscape, so could educate communities not to forbid it and what their options are. Incentives to save water, etc.

Tree Board Calendar

Update - Sharon

Shared draft events calendar on Tree Board sharepoint. Links to Arbor day planning calendar.

Town said we cannot publish an Outlook calendar - concerns about getting out of date - but we can definitely submit events to their official events calendar.

The town survey showed that there was interest to increase town sponsored composting. Christiaan can convey that we feel the town should take over the leaf composting.

Discussion about single-hauler. The best way to get town supported composting is to have a single-hauler trash service. That removes choice from HOAs though.

Mission and Goal Statement

No update

For Next Meeting

Patrick and Mike will be here to discuss Tree Talks, tree buying program, and school outreach. Verify leaf composting location with them and if we need to request funds for the leaf composting. Discuss if Arbor Day and Earth Day will be combined next year. Draft of recommendations for low water resolution.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 8:14pm

Next Meeting

September 11, 2019, 7:00 pm

Community Room, Erie Town Hall