



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes - Final

Tree Board

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

7:00 PM

Community Room

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Review & Approval of February 2019 Minutes

Tree Buying Program

- Update to the program – Art and Rachel

Arbor / Earth Day 2019 Event

- 4/27/2019 – Sharon

- 5th Grade Poster Contest - Brian

School Outreach

- Update – Brian and Leanne

Future Direction

- "Should we promote native trees/native landscaping/low-irrigation landscaping throughout Erie?" - Tom

Discussions

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 7:07pm

ROLL CALL Brian O'Connor, Present

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

n/a

APPROVE February 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Moved to approve: Art

Second: Kim

Approved: unanimous

GENERAL BUSINESS

Tree Buying Program

Art, Brian and Tom had a meeting with Mike McGill, Town Arborist.

Potential timeline: Spring 2020 - high quality/low cost trees/good for our environment

Mike will place the orders himself when he has more info about what is available - likely end of August/early September

Town has full capacity to support online ordering through the town's ordering software (for presales)

Can use the same system at Arbor Day for any that didn't pre-sell

Town staff will pick them up in mid-April so they'll be available for Arbor Day

For pre-sales - suggestion is to have trees for pick up at service center on a specific day so as not to make Arbor Day more complicated.

When know what trees we'll have available, can provide info about the trees, and notify people so they know when they'll become available.

First come, first served.

It is possible that the town can also offer supplies (stakes, etc).

Should we have a large poster at Arbor Day to introduce the program?

Brian recommends a single poster to promote all of our tree incentives throughout the year (certificates, raffles, incentive program for next year).

When people are told about the lottery, let them know then they can also just buy a tree (or both).

Art will request graphic design work from town staff.

Boulder County also has a tree program - partially paid for by grants and businesses

Use of trees for energy savings/Colorado grown/native/low-water

Sponsored by Arbor Day Foundation

Low cost for purchase (\$25) - timeline to sign up is Feb 1 - town donates money and people get low cost trees. Would have to support all of Erie, not just Boulder County side.

Mike could replicate similar statistical information in the example flyer that Art showed to describe the value of trees in our community.

Would be yet another tree buying program. If we have extra funds could be worth a try.

FYI: Tasha Reynolds is our new staff contact for requests.

Arbor / Earth Day 2019 Event

Exhibits (including town): 22

Logistics:

Invite to board of trustees? Brian - done

Mayor will try to be there. Christiaan will as well.

Colorado Forest Service for Plaque presentation: Nancy Klasky - still checking with Collin Wassink's availability

MC: Leanne - Sharon will send script

Location reserved: Art

PA system: Sharon will check with Mike

Acquire Arbor Day Proclamation from Mayor: Sharon will ask Mayor giveaways (seedlings, coloring books, etc: generally Mike McGill - Sharon will check with Mike

Food and Drink:

Coffee: Art

Snacks: List given to Mike - Sharon will request a mix of pastries and fruit.

Advertising:

Mailer notice with water bills:

Posters around town: Sharon, Leanne, Brian, Art to hang up

Sharon request the poster for printing from town for next mtg - 40 - mix 11x17 and 8x11

ask Tasha

also ask if the ECC can post it on their electronic sign

Also let her know preliminary request for poster contest winners x2 big poster, tree talks and tree incentive programs - big poster - can have three large ones, schedule of events (sandwich board sized) x3 - 2 sandwich and 1 mounted - 5 total for both sides

We should know finalized details by the next meeting

Index card sizes - colored - so we can hand out the items that people are picking (trees, tools, etc).

Brian will check if there is a worthy bin for the drawings. Also double check the roll of tickets.

Social media posts: sustainability board leading - on Facebook - event - we can individually share event

Sun March 31, 2019 - 10am - Monali, Sharon, Brian - both boards invited to discuss placement of tables and setup

Not sure how to count participants at the event accurately

Tom: can we request from the new Arborist that he/she attend the Tree Board meetings? Can we review the applications? Could the new Arborist have xeriscape/landscaping knowledge? Have qualifications to fit the Erie seat for the Boulder County Resource Conservation Board.

Move to request an appropriate opportunity to participate in the interview of Arborist as appropriate and that the Arborist attend Tree Board meetings and consider being a member of the Resource Conservation Board and have xeriscaping and landscaping knowledge: Tom

Second: Art

Approved: unanimous

Christiaan will attach these minutes and submit the request.

5th Grade Poster Contest

Brian: Pick up date is tomorrow

Blackrock had dates wrong but are participating - so they will deliver to Town Hall or service center on Friday
Brian will pick up with Erie Elementary

So looking at 2 gift cards now. May see more responses come in tomorrow.

Aspen Ridge, Meadowlark, Soaring Heights, Red Hawk have not confirmed participation

School Outreach

Erie Elementary wants to do all of it - seedlings, tree plantings, poster contest

No other schools have followed up yet.

Brian will follow up with Mike with this.

Resolution by Sustainability, Tree, and Open Space and Trails Boards to encourage Town of Erie to adopt low-water/native landscaping plans

Tom and Art met with Boards and organizations to learn and research about sustainability and low water plantings in local communities.

The resolution is a stance, it does not mandate.

Discussion revealed a concern/hope that the town works with experts should they adopt and make long term plans so, for example, pollinator attracting plants will not be placed in heavily populated areas, preference incentives over heavy regulation, etc.

Move to adopt the resolution: Tom

Second: Art

Approved: unanimous

The Boards can also play a role by helping educate the town citizens.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 8:30pm

Next Meeting

April 10, 2019, 7:00 pm

Community Room, Erie Town Hall