

TOWN OF ERIE

Tree Board Minutes

Wednesday June 9, 2021

7:09pm

Virtual

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

Leanne Vielehr, Present
Brian O'Connor, Present
Toby Hopp, Present
Yusupha Jow, Absent
Patricia O'Donnell, Present
Sharon Clark, Present
Open Position

PUBLIC COMMENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

n/a

APPROVE May 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Toby

Second: Sharon

Vote: Unanimous

GENERAL BUSINESS

Open Position/Youth Membership Resolution

Approved to allow anyone 16 years old and older to join. Heidi will open the position. Only one position on the board can be filled by a youth member.

Tree Scavenger Hunt

Patrick added a couple of flowering trees to the list and a map of locations. Toby will take lead on coordinating with the town for IT needs. Possibly have a QR code that people can scan and fill out or a form they can drop off in-person somewhere. Need to have something unique to ensure they visited each tree but a form either way can collect their contact information. There will be prizes and they will likely be in-animate objects or gift cards. Might be able to give away some trees. Toby will check with town staff. Will print off and laminate the tree info sheets. Will need to talk with Patrick about

the best way to attach to the trees. Plan to have the hunt for the whole month of August, starting August 1st, so people can get ideas before the Tree program starts in September. Need to figure out how to get people to find the tree – clues about location or similar. Could also just do the numbers and the participants need to match the tree to the number on the map. Need to determine the date of when the winners will be chosen but that may depend on IT as they may need time to process the results.

Educational Outreach

Social media reminders to residents about tree care. Patrick reviewed. We are unsure who would be responsible for pushing out social media for the town and from which account. Sharon will ask Tasha if the town can push this out on social media and on the water bills.

Right of way tree trimming. Could promote as a month and tie in to the tree chipper to make mulch. Need to get town's thoughts on this. It also involves code enforcement. Brian will take the lead on this and email Tasha.

Tree education webpage. Propose to link to tree education resources on forestry website. Could link back to info page about tree seedling and planting programs as an extension of tree education that the teachers can do as well as higher education options for students interested in tree-related careers. Brian can also provide info to the principals so they are aware of these resources for their students.

Officer Elections

Discussions on term expirations and when we should hold elections. Table for one more month and vote in July. Anyone with any interest in a position should tell Leanne.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT 8:36 P.M.

Next Meeting
July 14, 2021 7:00pm
Community Room, Erie Town Hall