

# **TOWN OF ERIE**

## **Tree Board Minutes**

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 7:00pm

Virtual

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER 7:06pm**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Leanne Vielehr, Present

Brian O'Connor, Present

Toby Hopp, Present

Yusupha Jow, Excused

Patricia O'Donnell, Present

Sharon Clark, Present

Open Position

Trustee Sara Loflin, Present

### **PUBLIC COMMENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

n/a

### **APPROVE November 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** Leanne

**Second:** Sharon

**Vote:** Unanimous

### **Erie Loves Trees**

Held the live drawing

- *Tree farm gift certificates*
  - JKBoro
  - Brooksaskins
- *Greenspot gift certificates*
  - Drcofal
  - Lexiwidman
- *Creekside gift certificate*
  - Barbmcc
  - Wicksfam
- *Urban Garden gift certificate*
  - Ahampton
  - Grsndpoobah

- *Sweets gift certificates*
  - Elizabeth
  - Bjenkins82
  - Liezel
  - Joshuavanauken
  - Kristenfrank
  - Jpenman
  - mwicks

The town will contact the winners.

## **Leaf Composting**

Tyler Kesler said town may continue it next year because it's the easiest way to handle gathering the materials since the town doesn't have a compactor in their normal composting collection bins.

Great way to get some face-to-face time with people. Front area was great for trailers. Having the volunteers posted at the entrance to both areas allowed control of traffic for the two areas. Didn't have enough flyers for the second day.

Brian recommends in 2022 to have two separate areas if this event happens again.

## **Open Position**

Joe never responded to our inquiry of continued interest.

Move to only consider Jane for the position: Sharon

Second: Brian

Approved: Unanimous

Move to appoint Jane to our vacant board position: Patty

Second: Leanne

Approved: Unanimous

The town will let the Board of Trustees know, who will approve or deny, then go from there.

## **Arbor Day**

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Need a chair. The new Erie Community Park extension will be ready at some point in Spring 2022.

Preference: If the new part of the Erie community park is ready by then, hold it there. Otherwise hold it in the old part of the Erie community park. Should talk with the town for guidance. Leanne will ask Tasha Reynolds would like to organize the Erie Community Center room rentals.

Would be nice to highlight Erie wild and wacky tree species, if possible, in that area. Unsure if the Sustainability Board will join us in this event. If so, they will do the Earth Day part.

Should it be a selling or non-selling event. Should sponsors that are non-tree related be allowed? Maybe allow tree nurseries to sell for a discount. It's a two hour event. Board members are ok with tree sales. These sellers are responsible for their taxes, etc. The board will not be involved in sales. Perhaps they could donate a tree or two to the raffle? There will be no booth rental fee. The raffle may have to be earlier in the event. Bring a sampling of trees and allow people to buy at a discounted rate. Maybe extend the event by an hour so people can extend their purchases.

Erie has a list of recommended arborists. See if they would like a table. There is also an approved nursery list.

Clementine composting helped out with leaf composting. They could be interested.

Need an answer from SAB on if they are joining us.

Brian can handle the student events and poster contest working with town staff for logistics.

Patty will can lead, possibly with the new recruit. Toby recommends divvying up tasks and can help with calling arborists.

Brian recommends having a single person who is leading the overall event.

Typical events: Flag ceremony, Raffles, present the posters, Tree City plaque, tree planting.

Could have food trucks.

Sharon will send out past Arbor Day planning documents.

## **Other Business**

Could also do a tree talk or topic at Arbor Day about Ash Borer or Siberian Elms. Would be of great interest to people in old town. There is a window of time to apply the chemicals to protect against ash borer. Would the new Town Forester be interested in giving a talk or could recommend someone? Recommended trees talk. Perhaps invite Tom to the January meeting to discuss these and Arbor Day.

Tree Board members would like to meet up for dinner next week. Brian will email town.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT** 8:19 P.M.

Next Meeting  
January 12, 2022, 7:00pm  
Virtual