



Town of Erie Tree Advisory Board Application

All advisory board and commission members will be expected to support the priorities and work plan set forth by the Town Council.

This board meets the **second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM**. You are required to notify your chair if you are going to be absent from a meeting. Failure to attend three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings without a leave of absence approved by majority of the Tree Advisory Board could be grounds for dismissal.

Full Name Jason Michael Shimmel

Are you an Erie resident? Yes

Are you under the age of eighteen? No

Home Address

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Employer Shady Grove Horticulture

Job Title/Occupation Nursery Sales Representative

Have you ever been employed by the Town of Erie? No

Do you work for or own a company that does business with the Town of Erie? No

What is your highest level of education completed? Bachelors Degree

Are you currently serving on a board? Yes

Which board are you serving on? Tree Advisory Board

Are you applying for more than one board? No

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Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission and what specific talents or expertise do you bring if appointed?

I am interesting in serving on this board because it is a great way to share my passion and knowledge of trees and horticulture with the great town people of Erie. I have spent the past 4 years on the board, including being Chair since January 2025. This experience has given me great insight into how the Board operates and how I can best leverage our resources to help the town. I also have a degree in Horticulture and have worked in the Nursery industry for over 20 years. This experience has giving me direct knowledge of trees and horticulture for Colorado and how we can best set people up for success in their landscapes.

Have you served on another board/commission in an advisory capacity? If so, please describe the board and what made serving in that capacity a good experience? What were the major concerns or issues?

Yes, I am current Chair of the Tree Advisory Board. This has been a great experience so far as I have been able to leverage my passion and knowledge to help the Town of Erie's trees thrive and watch the confidence grow in our townspeople. The outreach that we have to both students and home owners has been the best part of experience, as we are able to simplify an otherwise daunting process, and help people appreciate trees just as much as I do.

Please describe a situation where you were working with a small group and disagreed with the direction of the project, what did you do? What was the result?

I have been apart of many projects that had disagreements, but I am a true believer that communication is the best way forward. When people are free to express their feelings with a group, others can start to see where they are coming from and work towards finding a common ground. This common ground is where the group can finally start focusing on the results of the project, as opposed to the details that they disagreed on.

If you were appointed, what goals would you like to see accomplished on this board or commission?

If I am reappointed, I will continue to work to grow our two main outreach programs. The first is our annual Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration which we have seen grow in a tremendous way over the last 4 years. The second is our Planting the Future program aimed at 1-3rd graders in Erie to help them get excited about the importance of trees. We are also working on new projects in conjunction with the Sustainability Board that are just in their infancy, and I'm very excited to watch them grow. The two projects are the Fruit Tree Rescue and the Pollinator District.

Are you aware of the time commitment, and do you have the personal time to devote to this board or commission?

Yes, I have been serving on this board since 2022

Please read and agree with the following statement:

I certify that the facts and statements contained in this Board and Commission Application are true and correct. I further understand that false statements shall be sufficient cause for rejection of this application. I further certify that I have not been convicted of a felony under the laws of the State of Colorado or in another jurisdiction. I understand that falsification, omission or misrepresentation will result in a rejection of this application. Any falsification, omission is representation is evidence of perjury in the second degree. If I become a board or commission member with the Town, this form is valid for the period of my term with the Town and the crime records may be updated periodically at the discretion of the Town. I understand that this application is considered a public record and subject to the Colorado Open Records Act.

I Agree

Yes

All board and commission members must follow the rules and regulations in the Erie Municipal Code as well as the Town's policies related to harassment, anti-violence, and technology use.

Yes

Acknowledgement Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. J. ...', written over a horizontal line.