

**MINUTES
TREE BOARD
January 16, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Dan Bullock called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm on January 16, 2020 in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Members Present: Dan Bullock, Chairperson
 Lisa Paige, Member
 Sarah Kemme, Member
 Kim Bock, Member

Town Staff Present: Mike Callas, Town Liaison
 Kae McDonald, Boards and Commissions Clerk

Guests & Observers: None Present

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Kim ***moved*** to approve the December 2019 Tree Board minutes. Sarah ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no persons present, not on the agenda, to address the Board.

MAIN STREET TREE PRESENTATION PLANNING

EXCEL GRANT INFORMATION

TREE PLANTING PROJECTS IN 2020

Dan suggested that, since the three topics on the agenda are all related, they could be discussed together. Mike is waiting for the results of an Excel grant that has been submitted, and any grant money awarded could be earmarked for tree planting projects in 2020. Dan advised that access to irrigation is key to any projects that are undertaken. He went on to say that there may be a possibility of approaching the Board of Trustee's to match the grant funds, which would improve the likelihood of having irrigation installed to any new plantings. Dan listed seven locations that could be considered for 2020 projects, and any of these locations could be used for the Arbor Day projects including:

- White Hill (aka Hillcrest) Cemetery
- Nuche (aka Bull Pasture) Park
- Evergreen (8th Street) Cemetery
- The new Pickleball Courts at North Face Park
- Main Street
- Delaney Nature Park
- Gateway Park

Dan noted that he had been approached by Olivia Emery, a community member, about planting trees at White Hill Cemetery. He acknowledged that there is a 250-gallon water tank located at the cemetery that is filled by the Streets Department for use by the public. He suggested that if they used some of the money from the grant to install a larger capacity tank, some trees could be planted along the north fenceline. Lisa brought up the fact that that area is more of a dry setting, and new plantings could be impacted by wildlife, so any trees planted would need to be drought hardy and durable. Mike cautioned that there is a driving lane along the inside of the fence that needs to remain clear of obstructions, but felt like there is room to accommodate a few hardy trees.

Mike reminded the Board that the infrastructure at Nuche (aka Bull Pasture) Park is owned and operated by RVR, so any new tree projects at this location could be challenging. Dan pointed out that a new headgate is going to be installed upstream along the Crystal River, so there might be a possibility to tie in an irrigation line that could provide water to any new plantings at this park.

Dan suggested that several of the apple trees along the outskirts of Evergreen Cemetery make a big mess and are not doing well and may need to be removed.

Although the two previous Arbor Day projects at North Face Park have not been very successful, Dan thought that the new Pickleball Courts at North Face Park might be the best location for an Arbor Day project. There may be a need for shade trees along the sides of the court, but the Board really needs to push for installing the needed irrigation. This would be a good chance to design a nice project.

Main Street is the other location that is in need of attention this year--a number of the trees along this street are doing poorly due to a variety of impacts. Mike commented that they are looking at removing the large tree in front of the Crystal, and because there are awnings on all of the buildings on that block, a columnar species would be the most appropriate type of tree for that area. He also said that the infrastructure will need to be upgraded in the tree wells to allow for better irrigation to all sides of the trees. Mike also suggested that the hard cages in storage at public works be re-installed around any new trees planted. After continued discussion, the project focus was narrowed down to the four trees on the north side of the street between 4th and Main and the Promenade, and will be used as a demonstration project that could be expanded along the remaining length of Main Street.

Dan commented that the water line at Gateway RV Park has been replaced, which might accommodate a few new trees.

ADJOURNMENT

The January 16, 2020, regular meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on February 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kae McDonald