

**MINUTES
TREE BOARD
May 21, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Callas called the virtual meeting to order at 5:45 pm on May 21, 2020.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Members Present: Dan Bullock, Chairperson
 Lisa Paige, Member
 Sarah Kemme, Member
 Kim Bock, Member
 Joanne Teeple, 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 January 2020 Tree Board minutes. Dan ***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. Mike updated the Board members on several items not on the agenda. He has received a Kay Brunnier application from the occupants of the Red House on Euclid Avenue. They are considering the Autumn Blaze Maple.

The requirement for an Arbor Day activity has been waived due to the Covid-19 situation. Mike suggested a possible, scaled-down, activity in the fall.

XCEL GRANT PLANTING LOCATIONS

Mike updated the Board members on the XCEL grant. The grant funds will allow for the purchase of between 20 and 25 trees. Mike would like to replace trees in the following locations:

- Three trees that were taken out for the pickleball courts;
- Ten trees around the North Face Ball Field (many were Kay Brunnier trees);
- Replace the dead elms that were cut down at 3rd and Sopris;
- Add three nice shade trees to replace the cottonwood that outgrew that space;
- Add trees along the 3rd Street sidewalk project;
- Replace the trees at Westridge Court and Graceland with more shade tolerant species.

SPRUCE REMOVAL AT HISTORIC THOMPSON HOUSE—DISCUSS BID/WORK WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mike has been working with John Williams of the Mt. Sopris Historical Society about removing the spruce that was damaged by road construction, as well as a box elder on the property. The Historical Society is in favor of removing both, although they are still trying to figure out how to irrigate them properly. Mike will continue to work with them and finalize the plan.

E-BOARD/TREE BOARD COLLABORATION ON TREE ID PLAQUES

Dan walked through Sopris Park and looked at the trees that the EBoard would like put plaques on. He observed that there is a granite memorial on the Silver Map, but no one is sure what it is for. Dan didn't feel like many of the trees were remarkable, and his concern was that without having some sort of legend to know where the plaques are. The Eboard has some funding for the project,

and Mike thought that they could use the same type of plaques as those used for the Kay Brunnier trees. Rather than have an app for a smartphone, the Eboard would like to have something tangible that eliminates more screen time for kids. Mike thought that they could tag key species that do well in Carbondale and have grown to be historic.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW: LOT 5A AT NEW CITY MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Mike presented Lot 5A at the new City Market development for review. He noted that the only trees in the right-of-way are eight crimson spire that were included with the City Market application. The remaining planting areas will be native grass or patches of perennials. A path of crusher fines will be laid down between the trees to help direct foot traffic.

Dan and Joanne brought up the concern of large truck traffic, especially in the vicinity of the new gas pump area, and how the turning radius might impact the trees in the right-of-way. They would also like to see salt kept off the trees during the winter. Mike indicated that he would talk to Janet and John to see if a traffic study was completed, and will pass that information along to the Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

The May 21, 2020, regular meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on June 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kae McDonald