

**MINUTES  
TREE BOARD  
July 15, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Lisa Paige called the virtual meeting to order at 5:35 pm on July 15, 2021.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present for roll call:

Members Present:	Lisa Paige, Co-Chair Zach Hendrix, Co-Chair Jo Anne Teeple, Member Britni Johnson, Member
Town Staff Present:	Mike Callas, Town of Carbondale Staff Liaison Kae McDonald, Boards and Commissions Clerk

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***Motion Passed:*** Zach ***moved*** to approve the May 2021 Tree Board minutes. Britni ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

**PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There was no one present, not on the agenda, to address the Tree Board.

**PLAN FOR ARBOR DAY**

Mike suggested replacing the two oak trees in front of “The Beat” as a possible location for the upcoming Arbor Day celebration--he noted that the trees are infected with scale and aren’t thriving. Mike did caution that because of their location along Main Street, the public wouldn’t be invited due to the traffic volume on that street. He did note that members of the Tree Board would be welcome to attend and pointed out that the celebration would have to be on a weekday because he is not available on the weekend during September.

Questions/Comments:

Jo Anne suggested replacing a Kentucky Coffee Tree at the Dog Park. She added that an Arbor Day celebration at the Dog Park would be good public outreach and it is a good place to have a group of people.

Mike responded that he would prefer to put the tree inside the fence for protection. He noted that he will need to get approval from the Parks Department.

Jo Anne suggested that a “grove” of trees could be planted that could be fenced and mulched.

Zach and Britni both agreed with Jo Anne’s suggestion.

Lisa asked if funds from the Kay Brunnier Tree Fund would be used for the project.

Mike replied that there is funding in place for the Arbor Day project. He added that Kay Brunnier is no longer contributing to the fund, so what funding is there is it. He noted that the fund doesn’t cover replacement costs, and while he isn’t turning away any memorial requests, he is no longer advertising the fund until there are irrigable places to plant more trees.

Jo Anne reminded the board members that a former Tree Board member designs the Arbor Day poster and Dan prints them free of charge. She suggested advertising on KDNK and in the Sopris Sun.

Mike asked the group to choose a weekday in the first two weeks of September—he will share any scheduling updates via email.

### **MICHAEL'S TREE REPORT**

Mike reported that the spruce at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main was removed—they were able to cut the trunk at 18" diameter and lower it directly into the chipper. He noted that it was a quick process. Mike will need to do additional investigation to figure out the irrigation before a replacement tree is planted.

Mike noted that he has been doing a lot of garden work and pruning, as well. He added that the prolonged drought is causing a lot of disease and insect damage because the trees are stressed.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Lisa asked Mike if the Tree Board needed to support him in the upcoming budget process.

Mike responded that he develops the budget with Kevin (Public Works Director), and that it is a simple process. He noted that the budget includes safety gear, downtown and Highway 133 enhancements, and tree removal/replacement. He explained that the budget is set up to maintain what the TOC has and the only time it might be added to is for capital improvements. He is willing to any ideas board members may have.

Zach asked if a seasonal assistant might help ease the workload.

Mike replied that he has been discussing the idea with Carl, and he can always use all the help he can get. He noted that approving those costs would be up to the BOT but having the backing of the Tree Board might help.

Jo Anne pointed out that the new trees planted at Highway 133/Main Street development have sod laid up to the trunks. She wondered if there was a way to keep the trees from getting hit with the trimmer.

Mike replied that he would check with the property manager and suggest putting tree collars on them.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The July 15, 2021, regular meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on August 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kae McDonald  
Town of Carbondale  
Boards and Commissions Clerk