

**MINUTES
TREE BOARD
FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Dan Bullock called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm on February 16, 2017 in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Members Present:	Dan Bullock, Chairperson Kim Bock, Member JoAnne Teeple, Member
Town Staff Present:	Angie Sprang, Board Administrator David Coon, Town Liaison

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present who wished to address the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approval of Tree Board Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2016. JoAnne Teeple ***moved*** to approve the minutes from November 18, 2016. Dan Bullock, ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

REVIEW ROW TREES/PLANTING FOR 1ST BANK PLANNING SUBMITTAL

David Coon presented City Market landscaping architectural documents for review and Tree Board feedback. Among the feedback provided, the following four priority items were highlighted.

- 1) Recommendation to move Nieslanik Avenue trees from south property and to move sidewalks further from the road.
- 2) Recommendation to move trees on Parker away from sidewalks, as damage from tree roots is highly likely. Twenty feet distance recommended from base of trees to paved surfaces, in effort to protect investment.
- 3) Recommendation for increased diversity/heartiness/proven species, and incorporation of trees from the Town's recommended tree list.
- 4) Recommendation to replace berms with swales.
- 5) Review of irrigation system from ditch to water.
- 6) Request for air excavation of existing trees, and large existing tree protection measures.

REVIEW ROW TREES/PLANTING FOR RFDS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP HOUSING

David Coon presented proposed RFDS landscaping architectural documents for review and Tree Board feedback. Among the feedback provided, the following four priority items were highlighted.

- 1) Concerns regarding right of way large spruces and negative impact of new construction hardscapes on tree roots. Recommendation for air excavation.
- 2) Concerns about having lots of landscaping and large trees in a space, which will not accommodate plant needs adequately.
- 3) Recommendation that Aspen Tree Service conduct an evaluation and create a plan that will work well in the space and arid climate.
- 4) Increased diversity of tree species in landscaping plan, and incorporation of trees from the Town recommended tree list (i.e. Kentucky Coffee Trees).
- 5) Review of pre-emergent use on planning areas, due to increase in weeds in the past.

NEW BUSINESS

Replacement Trees for the Spruce Tree, Located Near the Library

This item was reserved for later discussion, pending RFDS community development plan(s).

Ideas for "Heritage Tree Program"

Dan Bullock presented a draft heritage tree program proposal. Dan requested that all members review the proposed program and send him feedback/remarks via email.

Discussion ensued regarding implementation of a heritage tree program.

David Coon noted potential issue in the implementation of a program i.e. removal of dying trees grandfathered into a heritage program; if, the tree is part of a program necessary removal could be impeded.

JoAnne Teeple noted the danger of advertising local trees, because of issues with vandalism in other towns. JoAnne continued that tree protection may be an issue with the program.

Kim Bock noted that having a tree list for those interested may be a good alternative.

David Coon mentioned that the Town entertained the option of having a Town of Carbondale specific certification for people in the town who would be conducting work on trees, prior to one being able to conduct that work, as a tree protection measure. Due to the cost, liability, and other issues in identifying trees within an ordinance, the proposal didn't move forward.

Builder Request to Move 6' Hackberry in RVR ROW

Discussion ensued regarding a request to relocate or remove a 6' hackberry tree in RVR. Due to a number of circumstances, the builder must either move or remove the tree. Discussion ensued regarding options.

Motion Passed: Dan Bullock ***moved*** to recommend relocate the tree, fee set at \$4,000 or replant 3 trees elsewhere in RVR. JoAnne Teeple, ***seconded*** the motion, with the added condition that if the tree is relocated use of a tree spade be required, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

V Cut Elms in Excel Easements Removal

David Coon presented photos of damaged V pruned trees, and noted that Asplund has agreed to remove the trees free of charge. All present supported removal of the trees and recommended reforestation where possible. JoAnne Teeple suggested that David Coon engage in public relations efforts regarding the removal to inform the public that this is a positive tree removal.

GENERAL REPORTS

In the interest of time, no additional reports were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The February 16, 2017, regular meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on March 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Sprang
Board & Commissions Clerk