

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:00
2 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Administrative Conference Room, 250 North Main Street,
3 Centerville, Utah.

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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

6 Jennifer Beckstrand, was excused at 7:43 p.m.

7 Joy Chambers, Chair

8 Brooke Holman

9 Anne Linton

10 Gary Smith

11 Gary Woodward

12 Scott Zeidler

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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director

16 Bill Ince, City Council Liaison

17 Michael Higgins, Parks Supervisor

18 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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20 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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22 Minutes of the January 30, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Jennifer Beckstrand made a
23 **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Brooke Holman seconded the motion, which was passed
24 by unanimous vote (7-0).

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26 **DISCUSS STREET TREE ORDINANCE INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED**
27 **FOR CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION**

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29 a. **Draft Ordinance Changes**

30 Chair Joy Chambers discussed the email the Board received from Mayor Wilkinson
31 regarding the Tree Ordinance. Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, reported he
32 talked with the City Attorney to see if there are concerns the Board should be aware of
33 and any changes that should be made. The Mayor thought the Ordinance was ready for
34 the City Council to approve, but Mr. Cox explained the Board is still gathering
35 information and investigating all resources before the Ordinance is drafted.

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37 b. **Draft Tree Board Standards & Regulations**

38 Jennifer Beckstrand discussed the trees that were removed on 1825 North and nothing
39 was planted to replace the trees. She distributed pictures of street designs where there
40 are curb extensions, and shrubs and trees can be planted with limited on-street parking.
41 Scott Zeidler said this is a good plan that will give tree roots room for expansion without
42 affecting the sidewalk. This curb plan will collect water when there is descending
43 water. There is more curbing required with this plan and it will add value to the
44 property. Mr. Zeidler recommended this plan be part of the long-term goals for street
45 planning.

1 **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**
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3 Councilman Ince said the short term issues need to be addressed first. For example, how
4 aggressively should the Tree Board enforce the Tree Ordinance when it is being violated?
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6 At 7:43 p.m., Jennifer Beckstead was excused from the meeting.
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8 Brooke Holmes said the Tree Board needs to have community support, so that the City
9 Council will know what the community wants. Michael Higgins commented on the Board minutes
10 of January 30th. He suggested making a list of trees that are allowed in park strips to be included
11 in the Tree Ordinance. Brooke discussed Farmington's Tree Lined Street Program, where
12 Farmington has purchased trees in bulk, and these can only be planted in park strips. Farmington
13 residents can purchase the trees from the city, and they are given guidelines of how to plant the
14 trees in parking strips and how to take care of them. Councilman Ince will talk with Farmington
15 City about their tree purchasing program, and report his findings at the next meeting.
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17 Gary Woodward said the Tree Board should go through the list of priorities Gary Smith
18 previously provided and make a basic Tree Ordinance and how it will be updated. Councilman
19 Bill Ince asked what the average length of tree ordinances are in other communities. Gary Smith
20 said he pulled out information from other city ordinances that he feels Centerville could use for
21 their standards and ordinances. Board members were asked to review the tree list that Gary Smith
22 previously provided, and choose what items they feel should be in Centerville's Tree Ordinance,
23 and be prepared to discuss the list at the next meeting.
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25 **ARBOR DAY**
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27 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, reported an Eagle Scout would like to plant 12
28 trees at the Community Park for his Eagle Scout project for Arbor Day. The month of April is
29 Arbor Month, and the City Council must make a motion to declare April as Arbor Month. In 2019
30 there will be two new soccer fields opening, and a park in the new section that will be opening as
31 well. A plaque will be presented to Bill and Sylvia Tingey for their donating the property for the
32 new section of the park. Mr. Cox would like to have more tree carvings made from the cottonwood
33 trees that will be cut down. Brooke Holman suggested allowing families to pay for a tree carving,
34 and then they could have a plaque placed on the carving with their name engraved on the plaque.
35 Families could also donate money towards the purchase of a tree to be planted. Councilman Ince
36 asked about landscaping plans west of the Frontage Road next to the wall. Mr. Cox said he has not
37 seen any landscape plans for the Frontage Road. Perhaps money could be raised for landscaping
38 this area. This item will be placed on the City website, April newsletter, and utility bill insert to
39 inform the community of this project. Jennifer Beckstead will be asked to write the article for the
40 utility bill insert for April that will promote Arbor Month, and introducing the Tree Board and
41 their goals and objectives. Brooke Holman will contact Jack Dellastatious on how citizens can
42 make donations Arbor Day for trees at the Community Park.

1 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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3 Bruce Cox said there are 15 new trees that will be planted in the lower level of the new
4 Island View Park. Perhaps donations could be received for the trees to be planted at this park. Also,
5 there will be park benches, and citizens could donate towards the purchase of park benches.
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7 Scott Zeidler said he has concerns with the suggestions that are made for the Ordinance,
8 and how will they be implemented. He worries that everything that will be in the Ordinance is
9 related to the Public Works Department, and will they accept the changes that are required.
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11 Mike Higgins said the damaged sidewalks that are being caused by trees is of the greatest
12 concern at this time. Councilman Ince said it costs Centerville \$150,000 a year for repair of
13 sidewalks to avoid legal issues from trees damaging sidewalks.
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15 Bruce Cox asked the Tree Board to look at parks strips, and what is a minimum width for
16 an existing park strip that a tree can be planted. In new developments, or if a new tree is planted,
17 what will be the regulations for the parking strips and types of trees that can be planted.
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19 **NEXT MEETING**

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21 The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at
22 City Hall.
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24 **ADJOURN**

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26 At 9:00 p.m., Gary Woodward made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Anne Linton
27 seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).
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30 Mackenzie Wood
31 Mackenzie Wood, City Recorder
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33 March 20, 2019
34 Date Approved
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33 Connie Larson
34 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary
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