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

MEMBERS PRESENT
Jennifer Beckstrand, was excused at 7:43 p.m.
Joy Chambers, Chair
Brooke Holman
Anne Linton
Gary Smith
Gary Woodward
Scott Zeidler

STAFF PRESENT
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
Bill Ince, City Council Liaison
Michael Higgins, Parks Supervisor
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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

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

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

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

Councilman Ince said the short term issues need to be addressed first. For example, how aggressively should the Tree Board enforce the Tree Ordinance when it is being violated?

At 7:43 p.m., Jennifer Beckstead was excused from the meeting.

Brooke Holmes said the Tree Board needs to have community support, so that the City Council will know what the community wants. Michael Higgins commented on the Board minutes of January 30th. He suggested making a list of trees that are allowed in park strips to be included in the Tree Ordinance. Brooke discussed Farmington’s Tree Lined Street Program, where Farmington has purchased trees in bulk, and these can only be planted in park strips. Farmington residents can purchase the trees from the city, and they are given guidelines of how to plant the trees in parking strips and how to take care of them. Councilman Ince will talk with Farmington City about their tree purchasing program, and report his findings at the next meeting.

Gary Woodward said the Tree Board should go through the list of priorities Gary Smith previously provided and make a basic Tree Ordinance and how it will be updated. Councilman Bill Ince asked what the average length of tree ordinances are in other communities. Gary Smith said he pulled out information from other city ordinances that he feels Centerville could use for their standards and ordinances. Board members were asked to review the tree list that Gary Smith previously provided, and choose what items they feel should be in Centerville’s Tree Ordinance, and be prepared to discuss the list at the next meeting.

ARBOR DAY

Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, reported an Eagle Scout would like to plant 12 trees at the Community Park for his Eagle Scout project for Arbor Day. The month of April is Arbor Month, and the City Council must make a motion to declare April as Arbor Month. In 2019 there will be two new soccer fields opening, and a park in the new section that will be opening as well. A plaque will be presented to Bill and Sylvia Tingey for their donating the property for the new section of the park. Mr. Cox would like to have more tree carvings made from the cottonwood trees that will be cut down. Brooke Holman suggested allowing families to pay for a tree carving, and then they could have a plaque placed on the carving with their name engraved on the plaque. Families could also donate money towards the purchase of a tree to be planted. Councilman Ince asked about landscaping plans west of the Frontage Road next to the wall. Mr. Cox said he has not seen any landscape plans for the Frontage Road. Perhaps money could be raised for landscaping this area. This item will be placed on the City website, April newsletter, and utility bill insert to inform the community of this project. Jennifer Beckstead will be asked to write the article for the utility bill insert for April that will promote Arbor Month, and introducing the Tree Board and their goals and objectives. Brooke Holman will contact Jack Dellastatious on how citizens can make donations Arbor Day for trees at the Community Park.
OTHER BUSINESS

Bruce Cox said there are 15 new trees that will be planted in the lower level of the new Island View Park. Perhaps donations could be received for the trees to be planted at this park. Also, there will be park benches, and citizens could donate towards the purchase of park benches.

Scott Zeidler said he has concerns with the suggestions that are made for the Ordinance, and how will they be implemented. He worries that everything that will be in the Ordinance is related to the Public Works Department, and will they accept the changes that are required.

Mike Higgins said the damaged sidewalks that are being caused by trees is of the greatest concern at this time. Councilman Ince said it costs Centerville $150,000 a year for repair of sidewalks to avoid legal issues from trees damaging sidewalks.

Bruce Cox asked the Tree Board to look at parks strips, and what is a minimum width for an existing park strip that a tree can be planted. In new developments, or if a new tree is planted, what will be the regulations for the parking strips and types of trees that can be planted.

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURN

At 9:00 p.m., Gary Woodward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anne Linton seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

Mackenzie Wood, City Recorder

Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

Date Approved

March 20, 2019