

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE EDEN TREE BOARD  
AUGUST 15, 2022

A regular meeting of the Tree Board was held on August 15, 2022 at 12:00 P.M. in the conference room at City Hall.

Members present:               Mike Ayers  
  Gina Ellis  
  Paul Dishmon  
  Jason Harris  
  Jim Ivie  
  Mike Corum  
  Dale Warren

Members absent:               Max Kirks

Staff present:                 Debbie Galloway, Planner  
  Jeff Alderman, Planner

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Paul Dishmon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the April 18, 2022 were presented to the Board. Mr. Dishmon made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Corum seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**ARBOR DAY 2022:**

Mrs. Galloway reported that she had done the Arbor Day presentation for Leaksville United Methodist Church preschool at the end of June. She said the presentation was for three- and four-year-olds, so they had a short attention span, but that the children enjoyed the program and asked a lot of really good questions. She said the teachers were most appreciative. She said she talked to the children about why trees are important, and what they do for us.

**HIGHWAY 14 TREES.**

Mr. Dishmon reported that they had completed replanting trees that needed to be replaced with \$5,000 from the last year's budget. He said these were mostly on Highway 14 South. Mr. Ivie asked what caused the trees to die. Mr. Dishmon said these were mostly from car damage, but some had just reached the end of their expected lifespan. There was discussion about the kousa dogwoods not looking good, and what types of trees might be good to replace them and future trees in this area. Mr. Ivie suggested trees that are native to this area. It was also noted that the trees need to be able to withstand the traffic along the highway. It was also noted that they might have to be approved by NCDOT.

**BUDGET.**

Mr. Dishmon noted that there was only \$500 in this year's budget. Mrs. Galloway said if the Board has projects to do, they can probably get funding from other sources.

TREES AT CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY.

Mr. Ivie asked if they would still be able to plant two trees at the church. Mr. Dishmon said they could use the money already approved in the budget. Mr. Ayers made a motion to plant two trees at the Church of the Epiphany. Mrs. Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried. It was noted that they would need to wait until fall to plant the trees.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS.

Mr. Ivie asked if there were any EV charging stations in town. Mrs. Galloway said she did not think so. She said Randy Hunt was working on getting grant funds for a project to be located at the Henry Street parking lot before he left, but she did not know the status of this.

CITY HALL TREE INVENTORY.

Mr. Ivie asked if there was a list of trees at City Hall. Mrs. Galloway said there was a tree inventory, but she did not know where it was. She said she would try to locate it. Mr. Ivie said it would be good to have a way to identify these trees in Grogan Park. Mrs. Galloway said perhaps they could put a map on one of the kiosks in the park.

BOTANICAL GARDEN.

Mrs. Warren asked about the botanical garden project. Mrs. Galloway said the acquisition of Draper School was back on the table, so she hoped if the City acquired this property they could plan the botanical garden project on the site.

FREEDOM PARK TREES.

Mrs. Galloway said when the Board was thinking about planting future trees at Freedom Park, she thought they should consider planting trees at the RV park area and the new dog park. She said there is no shade at either one of these areas.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff Alderman, Administrative  
Assistant to the Tree Board

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Max Kirks, Chair