

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE EDEN TREE BOARD  
DECEMBER 19, 2022

A regular meeting of the Tree Board was held on December 19, 2022 at 12:00 P.M. in the conference room at City Hall.

Members present:               Mike Ayers  
  Paul Dishmon  
  Max Kirks  
  Gina Ellis  
  Dale Warren

Members absent:               Mike Corum  
  Jim Ivie  
  Jason Harris

Staff present:                   Jeff Alderman, Planner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Max Kirks.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the October 17, 2022 were presented to the Board. Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Dishmon seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BUDGET PROPOSAL.**

Mr. Alderman presented the Board with the Tree Board's Budget Proposal for the fiscal year 2023. The Budget Proposal listed out the costs for the Board's future projects. Mr. Alderman stated that the Proposal would be presented to the City Manager and City staff at the City's Budget Retreat, then presented to City Council.

**TREE CITY USA REPORT UPDATE.**

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that he was in the final stages of finalizing the City of Eden's 2022 Tree City USA Report. He stated after the report is submitted and accepted, it would be the 29<sup>th</sup> year the City of Eden has been a "Tree City USA" city. Mr. Alderman also asked the Board members to think of a special project to commemorate/celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the City of Eden being a Tree City USA city.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**VETERANS PARK IN DRAPER.**

Mr. Kirks re-presented the Board with the landscaping issues at the Veterans Park in Draper, specifically the blighted juniper along the Main Street section. Mr. Alderman stated that a private citizen is the owner of the parcel the Park is located at, along with the neighboring church. Mr.

Alderman suggested doing a joint beautification project involving both the Tree Board and the Community Appearance Commission. Mr. Alderman stated that he budgeted that project in the Community Appearance Commission budget proposal. Board members discussed the topic further open ended.

#### **BOTANICAL GARDEN PROJECT.**

Mrs. Warren asked about the Botanical Garden project. Board members discussed the project's location, which was selected to be at the old Draper Elementary School. Mr. Dishmon and Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that the City had recently finalized the purchase of the school. Mr. Alderman stated the potential plans and uses for the school building to his knowledge. Mrs. Warren suggested implementing a senior center.

#### **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

No further items were presented to the Board from the staff representative.

#### **ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

##### **CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING CONTEST.**

Mrs. Ellis suggested implementing a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Board members discussed the specifics further.

##### **INVASIVE TREE AT E. STADIUM DRIVE/MAIN STREET.**

Mr. Dishmon presented the Board with an update on the invasive tree at 1439 E. Stadium Drive/Main Street, stating that the tree had been removed by a subcontractor.

##### **BYRD STREET WATER TANK.**

Mr. Dishmon stated to the board that the water tank at 101 N. Byrd Street will be demolished soon. Members discussed the topic further.

##### **JANUARY TREE BOARD MEETING.**

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that the regularly scheduled Tree Board meeting for January falls on a City holiday and asked the board members to decide on an alternative date. The Board decided on Monday February 13<sup>th</sup> at noon at City Hall.

**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