

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EDEN TREE BOARD
FEBRUARY 13, 2023

A regular meeting of the Tree Board was held on February 13, 2023 at 12:00 P.M. in the front conference room at City Hall.

Members present: Mike Corum
 Mike Ayers
 Jim Ivie
 Paul Dishmon
 Melinda Collins
 Gina Ellis
 Dale Warren

Members absent: Max Kirks

Staff present: Jeff Alderman, Planner

Prior to the meeting, new member Melinda Collins and reappointed member Gina Ellis were sworn in with the Tree Board Oath of Office.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Board members discussed the task of electing a Chair and Vice Chair for the year of 2023. Mrs. Warren made a motion to keep Mr. Kirks as Chair, and Mr. Dishmon as Vice Chair. Mr. Corum seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 19, 2022 were presented to the Board. Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Corum seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET PROPOSAL UPDATE.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that the City's Budget Retreat will be held on March 16th. Mr. Alderman also stated to the Board the sum of the proposed Tree Board budget request, along with the individual projects list. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

BOTANICAL GARDEN PROJECT.

Mrs. Warren stated to the Board the need to implement a Botanical Garden at the old Draper Elementary School. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves. Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that the Planning & Community Development Department recently received the first draft of the Draper Small Area Plan, and would discuss the Botanical Garden project idea

with the department's Director, Mrs. Stultz. Members discussed future use plans for the old Draper Elementary School further amongst themselves.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business items were presented to the Board.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

VETERANS PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board an update on the Veteran's Park Beautification Project. Mr. Alderman stated that the City of Eden has an easement for the Park, and any beautification work done would not require permission from the property owner. Mr. Alderman also stated that he had been in contact with Webb Irving, a landscaping contractor for the City, and plans to setup a site visit with Mr. Irving at the Park to go over the plans for the project. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING CONTEST.

Mrs. Warren stated to the Board about starting to plan for a City Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Mr. Alderman stated that he would present a draft plan to the Board at the next month's meeting. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

TREE CITY USA & TREE INVENTORY/CANOPY GRANT.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board a Tree City USA update, stating that upon certification the upcoming year, it would be the 30th year the City of Eden has been a Tree City USA City and would like to start planning a celebration. Mr. Alderman also stated that a representative from NC Department of Agriculture contacted him about applying for a Tree Canopy/Tree Inventory grant. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Alderman, Administrative
Assistant to the Tree Board

Attest:



Max Kirks, Chair