

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EDEN TREE BOARD
MARCH 20, 2023

A regular meeting of the Tree Board was held on March 20, 2023 at 12:00 P.M. in the front conference room at City Hall.

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

Members absent: Melinda Collins

Staff present: Jeff Alderman, Planner

Others present: Chase Lemons, Grants Administrator/Economic Dev. Specialist

The meeting was called to order by Chair Max Kirks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 20, 2023 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:

2023 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION/CELEBRATION.

Mr. Kirks stated to the Board examples of Arbor Day Celebrations done in years past and asked the Board members for any new ideas. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves and decided to table a decision for April's meeting. Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that he had finalized the 2023 Arbor Day Proclamation and will submit it for April's City County meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEBBIE GALLOWAY IN HONOR TREE.

Mr. Kirks stated to the Board that contacting Mrs. Galloway about the specifics for her "In Honor" tree would be best policy. Mr. Alderman stated that he would contact Mrs. Galloway about the topic and would present the specifics at April's Tree Board meeting.

BUDGET PROPOSAL UPDATE.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that the City had their Budget Retreat on March 16th, and hopes the Tree Board Budget Proposal for the fiscal year 2023-2024 will be approved.

TREE CANOPY/INVENTORY GRANT UPDATE.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that Chase Lemons, the City's Grants Administrator/Economic Development Specialist, had applied for a grant through the NC Department of Forest Service for a tree canopy/inventory assessment study for the City of Eden. Mr. Lemons stated to the Board that the City of Eden was awarded the grant on a "no match" basis and explained the specifics further to the Board. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

No new items were presented to the Board by the staff.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

SITE OBSTRUCTIONS.

Mr. Corum inquired about City regulations for limbs that cause site obstructions on roadways. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves. Mr. Alderman stated he would report the situations to the Streets Division of Public Works.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING CONTEST.

Mrs. Warren inquired about the plan for a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Mr. Alderman stated that the plan he is working on is not ready to be presented and would present a draft plan at April's meeting. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

VETERANS PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT.

Mr. Corum inquired about the Veterans Park Beautification Project. Mr. Alderman stated that he had been in contact with Webb Irving, a landscaping contractor for the City of Eden, and plans to do a site visit with Mr. Irving soon. Mr. Alderman also stated that the Beautification Project will fall under the Community Appearance Commission's project list and budget funding. 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