

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EDEN TREE BOARD
APRIL 17, 2023

A regular meeting of the Tree Board was held on April 17, 2023 at 12:00 P.M. in the front conference room at City Hall.

Members present: Mike Ayers
 Jim Ivie
 Max Kirks
 Melinda Collins
 Gina Ellis
 Dale Warren

Members absent: Mike Corum
 Paul Dishmon

Staff present: Jeff Alderman, Planner

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. Mrs. Ellis seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION/CELEBRATION.

Mr. Alderman stated he had submitted the 2023 Arbor Day Proclamation to be on April's City Council meeting agenda. Mr. Alderman also stated that Chase Lemons had been in contact with his wife, Stephanie Lemons who is a teacher at Morehead High School, about facilitating an Arbor Day Celebration with her students. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEBBIE GALLOWAY IN HONOR TREE.

Mr. Alderman stated that he contacted Debbie Galloway about the "In Honor Of" tree for her, and she was very appreciative. Mr. Alderman also stated that Mrs. Galloway suggested a pink dogwood tree for the project, and suggested either Freedom Park or Grogan Park for the location. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves. Mrs. Warren made a motion to select Grogan Park as the location, along with a marker/plaque for the tree. Mr. Ayers seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY TREES.

Mr. Kirks inquired about the status of the trees to be planted at the Church of Epiphany. Mr. Alderman stated that the appropriate funding could be allocated for the project, due to the lack of funding the Tree Board received for FY 2022-2023. Mr. Alderman asked the Board about the specific type of trees for the project. Members stated that one popular tree and one crate myrtle tree was suggested at a previous Tree Board meeting. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION.

Members discussed the topic of the proposed budget for the Tree Board for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

YEAR OF THE TRAIL TREE PROJECT.

Mr. Ivie inquired about if any tree projects were part of the City of Eden's Year of the Trail Campaign. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING CONTEST.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board a status update on the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Mr. Alderman stated he is still working on the details and the draft plan and is awaiting a call back from representatives from Burlington for recommendations for the contest.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

DEAD/BLIGHTED TREES AT CITY HALL.

Mr. Kirks stated to the Board about two possible dead trees at the front of the City Hall building. Mrs. Ellis inquired about any trees at the Freedom Park Dog Park Project that Purina is facilitating. Members discussed the topics further amongst themselves.

VETERANS PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT.

Mrs. Warren inquired about the Veterans Park Beautification Project. Mr. Alderman stated he had been in contact with Webb Irving to do a site visit. Mr. Alderman also stated the project would fall under the Community Appearance Commission project list.

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