

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE EDEN TREE BOARD  
MAY 15, 2023

A regular meeting of the Tree Board was held on May 15, 2023 at 12:00 P.M. in the front conference room at City Hall.

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

Members absent: Mike Corum  
Melinda Collins  
Gina Ellis

Staff present: Jeff Alderman, Planner  
Chase Lemons, Grants Administrator

Others present: Debbie Galloway

The meeting was called to order by Chair Max Kirks.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the April 17, 2023 meeting were presented to the Board. Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Dishmon seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

The minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting were presented to the Board as amended. Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Dishmon seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DEBBIE GALLOWAY IN HONOR TREE.**

Mr. Kirks stated to the Board they will be planting the pink dogwood tree for Mrs. Debbie Galloway after the meeting at Grogan Park.

**SITE OBSTRUCTION TREES.**

Mr. Ivie stated to the Board of a tree at the intersection of Walter Chambers Street and Meadow Road that is obstructing the view of the street sign. Mr. Alderman stated he would contact Darren Gatewood or Amy Lusk at the Streets Division to abate the site obstruction. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves. Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that he had contacted Darren Gatewood at the Streets Division about abating the site obstructive bushes at the Walmart entrances. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST.**

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board he has been working on the specifics for the Christmas Tree Contest. Mr. Alderman asked the Board for recommendations for an entry fee, awards, etc. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

### **TREE CITY USA.**

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board he had received the "29 YEARS" decals for the two Tree City USA signs throughout the City, and stated he gave the decals to Darren Gatewood to place on the signs. Mr. Alderman also stated he received the "2022" Tree City USA bronze plaque as well.

## **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

### **TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN.**

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board of a "30 FOR 30" tree planting campaign for 2024. The campaign's goal is to plant 30 trees for the 30 years the City of Eden will be a Tree City USA city, dependent on the acceptance of the 2023 Tree City USA report at the end of 2023. Members and staff discussed the specifics further amongst themselves.

## **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

### **YEAR OF THE TRAIL TREES.**

Mr. Kirks inquired about an update on the City's campaign for NC's "Year of the Trail" campaign. Mr. Alderman stated he had reached out to the Dan River Basin Association (DRBA) and had to leave a voicemail and has not received a call back. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

### **TREE IDENTIFICATION.**

Mrs. Galloway stated to the Board an idea of a Tree Identification program. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

### **TREE INVENTORY GRANT.**

Mr. Lemons stated to the Board an update on the Tree Inventory Grant he applied for and received for the City of Eden. Members discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

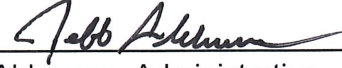
### **BOOK TRAIL CAMPAIGN.**

Mr. Kirks informed the members and staff of a past "Book Trail" campaign idea geared towards the youth. Members and Staff discussed the specifics/topic further amongst themselves.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned, and members and staff went to Grogan Park to plant Debbie Galloway's "In Honor" tree.

Respectfully submitted,



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Jeff Alderman, Administrative  
Assistant to the Tree Board

Attest:

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Max Kirks, Chair



Vice Chair