

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EDEN TREE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the Tree Board was held on September 18, 2023 at 12:00 P.M. in the front conference room at City Hall.

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

Members absent: Mike Corum*
 Melinda Collins
 Gina Ellis*

Staff present: Jeff Alderman, Planner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Max Kirks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 21, 2023 meeting 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:

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION UPDATE.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that his colleague Chase Lemons has been in contact with the AP Science teacher at Morehead High School to schedule an Arbor Day Celebration presentation to the students of the class. Mr. Alderman also stated he would give an update at the next Tree Board meeting. Members and Staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

OPEN DISCUSSION.

There were no new business items presented to the Board by the Members and Staff.

OLD BUSINESS:

CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST UPDATE.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that there are some legal parameters and concerns pertaining to the Christmas Tree Contest monetary awards and the Board would need to go a different direction with the Campaign. Members and Staff suggested implementing a "Christmas Tree Lighting Campaign" to encourage citizens to decorate (lights, ornaments, etc.) trees on their property for the Holiday season. Members and Staff discussed the topic further amongst

themselves. Mr. Alderman stated to the Board he would work on the details and specifics of the campaign and present them to the Board at the next Tree Board meeting.

“30 FOR 30” TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN UPDATE.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board he is continuing to work on the details and specifics for the “30 FOR 30” Tree Planting Campaign. Mr. Alderman also stated he has been in contact with Webb Irving (City Landscape Contractor) to discuss the purchasing of the trees and the timeline for the Campaign. Members and Staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that he has emailed the appropriate City Staff about removing the dead trees at Grogan Park, removing site obstructing limbs at various locations, and proactive trimming of encroaching trees along NC 14. Members and Staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

Mr. Alderman stated he contacted Webb Irving for quotes for the two trees to be planted at the Church of Epiphany and presented the quotes to the Board. Members and Staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

Mr. Alderman stated he would research with City Staff about creating a new funding account for the proceeds from the “30 FOR 30” Tree Planting Campaign. Members and Staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board he received an email from the Arbor Day Foundation stating they would be sending the free 12 trees sometime in the upcoming months of October or November. Members and Staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Mrs. Warren inquired about the “site obstructing” trees located at 917 S. Van Buren Road that the property owner requested to be removed, which the Board denied. Mr. Alderman stated he had reached out to the appropriate City Staff to prune/trim the trees in question. Members and Staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

Mr. Kirks inquired about acquiring a new tree for the “In Honor of Debbie Galloway” tree due to the condition of the current tree. Mr. Alderman stated he would contact Webb Irving for a quote. Members and Staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

Mr. Dishmon stated to the Board of a site obstructing Crate Myrtle at the intersection of Meadow Road and Jackson Street. Mr. Alderman stated he would forward the issue to the appropriate City Staff for abatement. Members and Staff 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



Vice Chair