

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE EDEN TREE BOARD  
APRIL 15, 2024

A regular meeting of the Tree Board was held on April 15, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. in the front conference room at City Hall.

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

Members absent: Melinda Collins\*

Staff present: Jeff Alderman, Planner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Max Kirks.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

New and reappointed members did the Oath of Office for the Tree Board.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Members and staff discussed the topic of electing officers for the calendar year of 2024. Members present unanimously nominated Max Kirks as Chair and Paul Dishmon as Vice Chair. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

TREE CITY USA REPORT UPDATE.

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board that the Tree City USA Report for the calendar year of 2023 was approved by the Arbor Day Foundation, marking 30 years the City of Eden has been an affiliated city. Members and staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves. Multiple members suggested submitting an article to the local "Eden's Own Journal" for recognition.

OPEN DISCUSSION.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING CAMPAIGN UPDATE.

Mr. Alderman presented an update on the engagement of the Christmas Tree Decorating Campaign. Members and staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

“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 and asked recommendations from the Board members. Mr. Alderman apologized for his absence while dealing with back surgery complications, causing a delay in the campaign. Members and staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

OPEN DISCUSSION.

No old business was brought forward to the Board by the members or staff.

**ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Staff did not have any new items to present before the Board.

**ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Mr. Kirks presented to the Board the reoccurring issue of February’s monthly meeting falling on a City Holiday. Members and staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves. All members and staff present agreed to move the month of February’s meeting to the following Monday (4 Monday of the month\*).

Members and staff discussed the topic of getting ID Plaques for the trees located at Grogan Park in the near future.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jeff Alderman, Administrative  
Assistant to the Tree Board

Attest:

  
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Max Kirks, Chair