

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EDEN TREE BOARD
AUGUST 19, 2024

A regular meeting of the Tree Board was held on August 19, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. in the front conference room at City Hall.

Members present: Mike Ayers
Paul Dishmon
Debra Seaver
Gina Ellis
Dale Warren

Members absent: Leslie Wyatt* (bereavement)
Jim Ivie
Max Kirks

Staff present: Jeff Alderman, Planner/CZO

Others Present: Ray Thomas, Eden Parks & Rec., Facility & Grounds Director

OATH OF OFFICE:

New member Mrs. Debra Seaver conducted the Oath of Office and was officially sworn in as an Eden Tree Board member.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Paul Dishmon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 20, 2024 meeting 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:

TREE REMOVAL REQUEST.

Mr. Ray Thomas, City of Eden Parks & Rec., Facility & Grounds Director, presented to the Board the request to remove a section of trees at City Hall located between Osbourne Baptist Church and City Hall parking lot. Mr. Thomas explained the issues coming from the section of trees and the necessities of the removal. Mr. Thomas stated that more suitable trees would be replanted if the removal request was approved. Members, staff and the applicant proceeded to the proposed site location outside at City Hall and there were discussion/questions about the removal request. Members, staff and the applicant returned to the meeting location and continued the discussion. Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve the removal request, contingent on assurances trees would be replanted and plans presented to the Tree Board. Mr. Thomas confirmed. Mr. Ayers second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried. (Mr. Thomas dismissed himself from the meeting)

OPEN DISCUSSION.

Mr. Alderman presented to the Board the current funding for the FY 2024-2025, last year's Tree City USA Report, and the article for the "30 FOR 30" campaign to be published in September's issue of Eden's Own Journal. Members and staff discussed the topic further amongst themselves.

OLD BUSINESS:

"30 FOR 30" TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN UPDATE.

Mr. Alderman presented to the Board poster graphics of the proposed types of trees and planting locations for the "30 FOR 30" campaign. There were discussion/questions between members and staff on the topic. Members present approved and finalized the planting locations, types of trees, pricing, and terms of the campaign. Mr. Alderman stated the campaign will be launched the beginning of September 2024.

OPEN DISCUSSION.

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

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Mr. Alderman stated to the Board he had been in contact with Webb Irving to purchase two Blue Spruce trees and one Pink Dogwood tree to be planted at City Hall. Update to come at September's meeting.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Several members brought attention to possible site obstructive trees throughout the City, and mentioned previously discussed future projects. 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