

**MINUTES  
TREE BOARD  
February 16, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Lisa Paige called the in-person meeting to order at 6:05 pm on February 16, 2023, in Room 1 at Town Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present for roll call:

Members Present:	Lisa Paige, Chair Dan Bullock, Member Kari Bevevino, Member Jo Anne Teeple, Member Sky Quarto, Member
Town Staff Present:	Carl Meinecke, Town of Carbondale Staff Liaison Marty Silverstein, Board of Trustees Liaison
Guests:	Joan Matranga, Former Tree Board Member

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***Motion Passed:*** Jo Anne ***moved*** to approve the November 17, 2023 meeting minutes. Dan ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

**PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Recap of the Board of Trustees meeting on December 13, 2022 – impressions regarding the meeting are positive according to Lisa. Environmental Board and Parks and Recreation were present and allowed coordination with Tree Board. Reassured Board of Trustees that Tree Board was practicing within limits and working under Planning and Zoning Commission. Tree Board was acting to bring certain concerns to the attention of the BOT.

**CHACOS PARK DEMONSTRATION GARDEN PROPOSAL**

Jo Anne suggests we place a demonstration garden in this area so that we can demonstrate the trees and plants that will thrive and work best in this environment/area. Feature plant material that would do well and show a diversity of things that work in this area.

Marty made recommendations to work with the Parks and Recreation Director to discuss what is to be planted. Marty indicates that area should ideally remain a park based on the Chacos family desire to make downtown a community space. Marty says idea currently a little premature but a good goal for the future.

**ADOPT-A-GARDEN PROGRAM MARKETING**

Adopt-a-garden started in May 2022. Jo Anne and Carl identify the various public gardens/spaces throughout Carbondale that are neglected. Jo Anne suggested that the Tree Board initiate/promote these adoptions early (March) and start getting areas cleaned and prepped for adoption.

Carl mentions that he has two gardens already adopted – Giannotti, Myers memorial. Carl wanted to focus on places and parks that have flower beds that provide a safe place for people to work so to create ease and safety for individuals who are adopting the parks. Focus on the plots that are already there before expanding onto new ones. Currently around 5 plots to enter up for adoption. Some mention from members to encourage businesses to adopt gardens and then place signs that advertises what business has maintained the garden.

Carl seeking input on ways to market the adopt-a-garden – suggestions include Sopris Sun, social media, KDNK (radio spots). Carl also going to do as done in previous years – put up posters in the area to promote the adoption.

Lisa acknowledges that elderly community members are passing and is there an opportunity for memorial trees or gardens. There is a program that is available through the website but discussion on ways to further spread this idea – suggestions include social media. Noted by Jo Anne that memorial trees must be planted on town property.

JoAnne suggest land adjacent to the Launch Pad where memorial trees could be planted. Jo Anne suggests we further investigate other areas in town for memorial trees.

Marty suggests Carbondale Hall of Fame. Historically had a citizen of the year award.

Report from Marty - Someone approached the Board of Trustees with suggestion to restrict/regulate watering from Aspen to Glenwood. Multiple members mention that education is needed for individuals regarding the Colorado Water Basin, so the misconceptions are not perpetuated.

### **CARL'S TREE REPORT**

Carl listed activities he has been working on including:

- Tree removal completed at 226 Garfield in ROW of large Siberian Elm
- Sign, sidewalk, street clearance
  - o Intersection of Crystal Rd and Oak Run
  - o Corner of Barber Dr and Hendrick Dr
  - o Intersection of Indica Way and County Rd 106
  - o Encroaching bush along Westridge Ct
  - o Corner of Jewels Ln and Lewies Ln

Tree work to be completed (obtaining bids)

- 191 Sopris 2x v-cut Siberian Elms removal
- RecPath behind the Orchard Church 2x storm damaged Siberian Elms to remove
- 1968 CO-133 powerline conflict Siberian Elm to remove

Tree Plantings for Review

- Northface Park
  - o 1 tree replacement on east side of pickleball court
  - o 1 tree replacement on north side of baseball field
- Thompson House
  - o Memorial tree
- Rec Center
  - o 4 trees replacements in grates on south side

*Dan mentions that it was previously discussed that these trees can be removed and are not to be replaced.*

- Town Hall
  - o 1 tree replacement on west side of building (irrigation needs to be plumbed)
- Tree replacement to investigate at 226 Garfield (resident willing to provide irrigation)
- Tree replacements at 191 Sopris
- Tree replacement at 837 Sopris (big spruce)
- 238 Euclid Ave (Silver Linden requested)
- Tree replacement at 910 and 960 Vito's Way (both Aspen trees)
- 900 Vito's Way as per resident request

*Dan indicates that there are no options for irrigation on Vito's Way.*

- Pourhouse
  - o Dead tree in the grate that needs to be replaced

*Dan makes suggestion to cut out part of the grate when replacing so that growth won't be inhibited on next tree.*

#### Education

- Working on Siberian Elm tree management/guidelines document
  - o Kamie Long, Colorado State Forest Service Urban and Community Forester, has offered to help when rough draft is complete

*Carl had handout of the rough draft at meeting.*

- Kamie Long is interested in helping to facilitate education events in our area

#### Memorial Tree Program

- Carl is looking at ways to make this program work better
  - o Issues with plaques being stolen/lost
  - o Plans to create an application for the program

*Suggestion made to create inventory so can identify trees if plaques are lost or stolen.*

#### Main Street trees

- Carl seeks input from tree board members on replacing or not replacing trees in grates on Main Street

*Comments from members to possibly remove trees from Main Street and replant in adjacent parks. Further discussion on ways to have trees on Main Street without any conclusive recommendations.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The February 16, 2023, regular meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on March 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Room 1 at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kari Bevevino DVM DACVIM  
Carbondale Tree Board Member