

**MINUTES  
TREE BOARD  
May 18, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Lisa Paige called the in-person/virtual meeting to order at 6:03 pm on May 18, 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 Joanne Teeple, Member Sky Quarto, Member
Town Staff Present:	Carl Meinecke, Town of Carbondale Arborist/Staff Liaison Ali Uri, Town of Carbondale Landscape Technician Marty Silverstein, Board of Trustees Liaison Kae McDonald, Boards and Commissions Clerk
Guests:	Lisa DiNardo, People and Pollinators Action Network and Carbondale Bee Friendly Coalition

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***Motion Passed:*** Dan ***moved*** to approve the April 20, 2023, meeting minutes with the addition of “She added that a stipulation be included to ensure that the tree stumps are ground out to prevent regrowth of suckers.” on page 2, ninth paragraph. Sky ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

**PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Lisa DiNardo explained that she was prompted to develop the resolution included in the meeting packet based on the Town’s proposal to utilize herbicides to control noxious weeds and subsequent letters to the editor published in the Sopris Sun. She summarized her background, noting that she is an arborist with a background in Public Horticulture and she is part of the Bee Friendly Carbondale coalition sponsored by the Town of Carbondale’s Environmental Board and the People and Pollinators Action Network. She explained that her goal is to find an integrated approach for the Town to support pollinators, noting that nine other Colorado communities have already adopted resolutions or proclamations, and per recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Director and Carl she is seeking support from the Tree Board, the Environmental Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission. She noted that she has formed a small group of interested volunteers to refine the resolution, so it aligns with Carbondale’s values; those members include Jillene Rector (representing the Bee Friendly Coalition), Susan Rhea (representing the Parks & Recreation Commission), Mark Burrows (a local beekeeper and proprietor of the Cocoa Club) and Jane Hendricks (representing the Environmental Board).

Dan asked if the resolution includes downlighting, commenting that Carbondale’s lighting ordinance isn’t always enforced and more can be done to protect the night skies.

Lisa replied that a statement regarding lighting could be included in the final “Whereas” paragraph of the resolution.

Sky wondered what the best strategy would be to disseminate that information.

Lisa replied that one of the Bee Friendly Coalition goals is public education. She noted that she would like to work towards having June designated as pollinator month, with an educational push in April and May. She agreed that early and consistent information is important.

Marty asked if anyone knew whether the Marble Distillery still had their hives on the roof of the business.

Joanne asked if there was educational material distributed during Dandelion Days.

Lisa replied that the Environmental Board sponsored a Learning Tent that was hosted by the Bee Friendly Coalition. She added that they did supply some information, but she didn't know what was distributed. She pointed out that there was a sign-up sheet for interested community members that was quite long.

Carl noted that the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture, among others, are sponsoring the 2023 National Pollinator Week from June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **ARBOR DAY AND DANDELION DAY WRAP-UP: DRAWING FOR TREES**

Dan commented that there were 35 attendees at the Arbor Day celebration, and he thought it was a very successful event. He stated that two trees were planted and both Vince Urbina and Kamie Long attended and provided a demonstration on correct tree pruning. Dan noted that Vince pointed out that one of the trees has a scale problem but thought it could be helped by using an injection method of treatment. Dan added that there are a few other trees in town that may have scale including two trees in Sopris Park and two trees on Main Street. He noted that two trees – a Linden and a Rocky Mountain Glow Maple -- funded by the Down Valley Jewish Families and Friends donation were also planted at North Face Park last week.

Carl stated that he would look at the trees that may have a scale problem and research the best treatment options. He reminded the board members that the Down Valley Jewish Family and Friends group had donated \$1,500.00 and that funded the purchase of eight trees. He explained that in addition to the trees already mentioned, they will replace trees at 238 Euclid and 191 Sopris Avenues.

Dan reported that he submitted a photo of Arbor Day that was published in the Sopris Sun. He noted that they hosted a lot of interested people at the Dandelion Day Tree Board tent; they fielded a lot of questions and passed out a lot of brochures on the proper way to plant a tree. He added that they collected 56 entries for the tree drawing. He related that they had a Middle School teacher from Eagle stop by and ask if someone could give a presentation to her class – he gave her Kamie's name because she does educational presentations as part of her job.

Marty pointed out that there weren't many young people attending the Arbor Day celebration, noting that he thought education targeting school-age children and young adults is vital. He added that the Town Manager will be presenting some options to streamline the boards and commissions at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting and part of that will be to host an informational night so interested community members can see what is entailed for each board/commission.

Lisa commented that Dandelion Day was very organized and she appreciated that the non-profit and educational organizations were separated from the vendors. She also appreciated the brochure from the State Forestry office because it had a lot of informative photos. She read the names of the people drawn from the entries:

- Jordan Kehoe
- Monte Lutterman
- Jillene Rector
- Tasha Stuemke
- Jeannine Ravenscraft

- Sky Quarto

### **TREE PROTECTION DURING UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Dan pointed out that there are several large construction projects on the horizon, noting he thought it was important to make sure the appropriate tree protection measures were in place before construction begins. He explained that there were three trees in the vicinity of the proposed aquatic facility that could be damaged during construction, and he would like to see chain link protection installed around each tree throughout the project. He added that there were two Maple trees in the public right-of-way along Weant Boulevard that could also be damaged during the Forest Service building construction and should also have significant protection installed around them during that project. He suggested contacting Town staff and the Board of Trustees to help protect those trees, but also pointed out that because it is a project on federal lands, they don't have to comply with Carbondale's building codes.

Joanne commented that Pre-Covid the Forest Service plans were to keep the two large spruce trees, but she didn't think they would survive the utility tie-ins; she advocated for removing the large spruce on the northeast corner of the property and suggested planning a ceremony to honor the trees before they are cut down.

Carl replied that he hasn't looked at any of the trees with the planned construction in mind.

Marty suggested contacting the Parks and Recreation Director about tree protections during the aquatic facility construction and thought it best to do so prior to the design being finalized.

Carl noted that he has developed a pre-construction handout that summarizes tree protection methods that is distributed to contractors. He thought that it had been successful to date and that staying on top of what was happening is the best way to protect trees.

Dan suggested having a walking tour meeting in June so the board members could look at the identified trees.

Marty pointed out that the Roaring Fork School District Meadowood project was another upcoming project and that the Town Center project being overseen by ArtSpace is in the early planning phases.

Carl replied that he made comments on the proposed design and has been in contact with their landscape architect. He thought it might be helpful to have a statement from the Tree Board regarding any proposed tree placement.

### **SIBERIAN ELM TREE SEED COLLECTION**

Joanne would like to have a public information announcement published regarding the collection and disposal of Siberian elm seeds.

### **MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND EDUCATION OUTREACH**

Lisa suggested postponing this discussion until after structural changes are made to the Town boards and commissions.

Marty commented that it might be helpful to compile a list of books involving trees that could be distributed to elementary school teachers in preparation for next year's Arbor Day celebration.

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

Carl listed tree work completed since the April meeting:

- Pruning and cleanup of trees and vegetation at Gateway RV Park
- We-Cycle bike pad work
  - Contracted a tree spade to move a tree along the roundabout in front of Sopris Liquor

- Removed two large bushes on the southwest corner of Main & 7<sup>th</sup>
- Pruned Mugo pines on Main Street corners to improve sight line
- Clean-up of large branch that failed on the Poplar tree next to the Sopris Park playground

Upcoming Tree work:

- Remove flagged trees along the recreation path between Village Road and Latigo Loop
- Removed a dead Poplar tree outside of the fence along Roaring Fork Avenue west of the Middle School
- Removed a mostly dead tree in front of the Pour House
- Put together a list for contracted tree work in the public ROW and Town parks

Adopt-a-Flowerbed:

- Bee Friendly group is making progress on Sopris Park bridge beds

Tree Planting:

- 2 trees (Catalpa & Red Oak) at Thompson House for Arbor Day
- 1 tree (Maple) at 238 Euclid
- 3 trees (Lilac & Spring Snow Crab & Hawthorn) at 191 Sopris
- 2 trees (Linden & Maple) at North Face Park with Down Valley Jewish Families and Friends Group

Joanne asked if the Bee Friendly Coalition was planning to use low-water native plants in the Sopris Park Adopt-a-Flowerbed, noting that it is a well-watered park, and those kinds of plants might not thrive.

Carl replied that the group will supply him with a plant list that he will review prior to planting. He noted that the Parks supervisor informed him that those gardens are on a separate sprinkler zone that can be adjusted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The May 18, 2023, regular meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on June 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Room 1 at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Kae McDonald  
 Town of Carbondale Boards and Commissions Clerk