

**MINUTES  
TREE BOARD  
May 19, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Lisa Paige called the in-person/virtual hybrid meeting to order at 6:03 pm on May 19, 2022, in Room 1 at Town Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present for roll call:

Members Present:        Lisa Paige, Chair  
                                  Dan Bullock, Member  
                                  Jo Anne Teeple, Member  
                                  Sky Quarto, Member  
                                  Kari Bevevino, Member

Town Staff Present:     Carl Meinecke, Town of Carbondale Staff Liaison  
                                  Marty Silverstein, Board of Trustees Liaison  
                                  Kae McDonald, Boards and Commissions Clerk

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***Motion Passed:*** Dan ***moved*** to approve the April 2022 Tree Board minutes. Kari ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

**PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There were no persons present not on the agenda to address the Tree Board.

**ARBOR DAY DRAWING**

Dan commented that both Arbor Day and Dandelion Days went well. He pointed out that Carl had purchased two five-gallon Spring Snow Crabapple trees for the drawing give-away and the winners will be announced on KDNK; commission members assisted in the blind drawing and Kay Clark and Susan Jordan were selected as the winners.

Carl agreed to contact the winners and noted he will arrange to assist with the planting.

Dan added that Dandelion Days was fun, and they had many visitors stop by the Tree Board tent.

Sky noted that they received a mention on KDNK, as well.

Lisa commented that it was great to be able to participate in community gatherings again and thought this was a good start to a new tradition.

Dan pointed out that it also goes toward the backyard forestry goal in helping educate community members about planting trees in their yards. He also reported that a crabapple tree had been planted next door to the location where the large spruce tree fell over a few months ago.

Lisa wondered what everyone thought about property owners planting aspens.

Sky thought it was beneficial to have the recommended tree list and planting guidelines.

Dan noted that they handed out a number of those pamphlets at the recent events.

Lisa thought it was helpful to be in front of any planting plans local property owners might have.

Dan agreed that tree scaping was important and that is why the Street Tree list was created.

Jo Anne reported that at the corner of Merrill and Colorado a contractor is dynamic cabling between two elm trees. She surmised that it might be due to the current improvements to Eighth Street or possibly work by STC.

Dan commented that all contractors should be receiving approval from the Public Works Director prior to completing any tree work within the public right-of-way.

### **TREE CLEARANCE STANDARDS DISCUSSION**

Carl commented that he was continuing to work through the code to see what is available about tree clearance standards. He noted that he would like to have an explicit statement – such as 15 feet – primarily for street cleaner and snowplow clearance.

Dan replied that Section 7-5-20 addresses trees on private property that are impinging on the public right-of-way. He pointed out that the Public Works Director has the authority to notify property owners to bring their trees into compliance and if they don't follow through, the Town can hire a contractor to have it done at the owner's expense. He noted that tree clearance should be done in the public right-of-way anyway. Dan wondered about the best way to address the trees along Main Street – he noted that if they are trimmed up to fifteen feet, nothing would be left. He suggested developing appropriate language to address protocols for both municipal street vehicles and pedestrians and solicit feedback from Town of Carbondale staff, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Trustees. He noted that he would like the language included in the Unified Development Code.

Lisa commented that she would like to see standards that can be applied across the entire town rather than a public versus private requirement. She thought it would be a worthwhile effort but thought it might be difficult to do.

Dan pointed out that there are differences in the density and sizes of trees around town – for example, Old Town Residential has a lot of mature trees in the public right-of-way while the neighborhoods around the Cowen Center have very few trees because the private property lines extend clear to the street. He thought a backyard forestry program might address the disparity.

Sky agreed that the differences between the new and mature developments are jarring, but she questioned the necessity of requiring uniformity across the entire community.

Carl agreed to discuss the topic further with the Public Works Director.

Dan suggested discussing the topic further with a smaller group to assist in identifying changes to the code.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The May 19, 2022, regular meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on June 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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