

**MINUTES  
TREE BOARD  
September 16, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Lisa Paige called the in-person/virtual hybrid meeting to order at 6:05 pm on September 16, 2021, in Room 1 at Town Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present for roll call:

Members Present: Lisa Paige, Co-Chair  
Dan Bullock, Member  
Jo Anne Teeple, Member  
Britni Johnson, Member  
Sky Quarto, Member (Late)

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***Motion Passed:*** Britni ***moved*** to approve the August 2021 Tree Board minutes. Dan ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

**PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There was no one present, not on the agenda, to address the Tree Board.

**TREE ORDINANCE REVISIONS**

Dan noted that the Tree Ordinance was originally drafted in 2002 and updated in 2013. He reminded the board members that any proposed changes will have to be approved by the Board of Trustees. Dan pointed out that because of changes in technology, he would like to see language in the ordinance cleaned up, specifically the second paragraph in Section 7.10.060 Section A. Dan explained that that language was put into the ordinance to ensure the Tree Board had access to the proposed plans. He thought that one hard copy was sufficient, because Janet needs a copy to review.

Britni suggested adding language for an electronic version of the plans.

Jo Anne countered that that wasn't fair to those without access to a computer—it is difficult to review plans on her phone and oftentimes the most important details are in the plans' minutiae.

Dan responded that the Tree Board has had hard copies to review in the past.

Mike added that he can print the plans out for the meeting.

Jo Anne commented that she would like to see the submittal hierarchy spelled out: The plans get submitted to the Building Department, the Building Department is responsible for providing the plans to Public Works and the Tree Board. The plans must be able to be accessed both electronically and by hard copy.

Mike pointed out that the problem has often been that the Planning Department is often quick to give them to the Planning and Zoning Commission without the Tree Board's input.

Dan also noted that sometimes the Tree Board may never see the plans because there isn't a reason to review them. He would like to see Section E move before the current Section A. He reiterated that the Ordinance is telling developers and builders what they need to do.

Jo Anne pointed out that recent projects illustrate why the ordinance is needed; trees are a valuable commodity that need to be protected. She asked if the trees by City Market on the Hendricks Drive extension are within the right-of-way.

Mike responded that the TOC maintains the road behind City Market as well as the extension of Hendricks Drive to the gas station. He noted that an irrigation pump failed, and any trees that are lost within the first two years must be replaced.

Dan commented that they saw a similar problem at River Valley Ranch—they planted trees to sell condos. He noted that the Tree Board didn't review those plans and that responsibility should have been on the Homeowners Association. He added that he would like to see these revisions completed so that they can be included in the UDC.

Jo Anne asked if trees are put in the TOC right-of-way, bubbler irrigation should be required. She asked if the requirement for a Landscape Architect seal would be added. She pointed out that the trees are an asset to the community and if they aren't protected, the result won't be great.

Britni suggested creating an irrigation attachment that is distributed along with the tree list.

Sky wondered what can be done about the dead tree at 1201 Main Street.

Lisa commented that she sensed a lot of frustration because the ordinance isn't being followed with repercussions that don't reflect the community's values.

Mike pointed out that he has a full work schedule and can't police everything that is being done. He suggested that if trees aren't thriving, they don't sign off on the final.

Marty reminded the board members that the UDC update won't happen until after the Comprehensive Plan update.

Jo Anne pointed out that there are two high visibility developments coming up and she doesn't want them to get away with not following their approved planting plan.

Dan commented that the Tree Ordinance supersedes the UDC, and if there is any question the Ordinance is the enforceable document.

Jo Anne asked what happened if the chosen trees aren't available.

Britni responded that that is where an As-Built plan would be helpful. She suggested adding that language to the Ordinance.

Marty suggested taking time with the edits to make sure it reflects what the board members would like to see. He reminded the board members that BOT is involved with the budget through November.

Jo Anne asked if there was a way to influence the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Marty suggested meeting with the new Chair.

Dan commented that he thought the direction was oriented towards the Building Department, rather than putting more work on Mike.

**SOPRIS SUN AD**

Dan suggested running an ad in the Sopris Sun in lieu of an Arbor Day celebration.

Mike commented that Mayor Richardson signed the proclamation recently and a few memorial trees were planted in the spring, so the TOC fulfilled the Tree City USA requirements this year.

Dan noted that Margaret Mathers has agreed to do the artwork.

Lisa volunteered to do the ad's verbiage.

Jo Anne suggested running a full-page ad in the September 30<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sopris Sun; that is just before Potato Days. Jo Anne suggested including the Tree Board meeting schedule in the ad.

Dan suggested making people aware that the TOC has made a commitment to the health of the Town's trees by hiring a full-time Town Arborist.

Britni asked that the ad be circulated for approval.

Jo Anne suggested using the "Finding of Fact" language from the Resolution.

**MICHAEL'S TREE REPORT**

Mike reminded the Tree Board members that it was their responsibility to set the meeting agenda. He announced that at the next meeting, the board members will review plans for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street project—Public Works is slated to receive the plans on October 8th. He explained that they efforts were made to save all the desirable trees, but some of the elms are proposed for removal.

Jo Anne asked if there was any way to convince developers to use bubblers rather than drip irrigation.

Mike responded that he prefers the use of bubblers. He said that he would try to talk to the Planning Director to see if the UDC could be amended to include that directive. He noted that if nothing else, he could include a note in the packet that developers receive.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The September 16, 2021, regular meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on October 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

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