

**MINUTES  
TREE BOARD  
MARCH 16, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kim Bock called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm on March 16, 2017 in the Town Hall meeting room.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present for roll call:

Members Present:	Dan Bullock, Co-Chair Gabe Riley, Co-Chair Kim Bock, Member JoAnne Teeple, Member
Town Staff Present:	Angie Sprang, Board Administrator David Coon, Town Liaison

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***Motion Passed:*** Dan Bullock ***moved*** to approve the minutes from February 16, 2016. Kim Bock, ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

**PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There was no one present who wished to address the board.

**V CUT ELMS IN EXCEL EASEMENTS TO REMOVE**

Discussion continued regarding the V cut elms in excel easements. The Tree Board consensus was that the trees pose a dangerous hazard to citizens who walk, legal liability for the town should one of the trees fail, and that they need to be removed. David will go around to grade the trees and evaluate areas of opportunity to replant. JoAnne Teeple will prepare a memo to the BOT proposing they approve the removal. In an effort to reduce danger for citizens and liability for the town, the proposal will request that all V cut trees be removed at once and as soon as is possible.

**KAY BRUNNIER REPLACEMENTS**

David Coon presented a spreadsheet which showed successes of the Kay Brunnier program. Since 2010, eighty five trees have been planted and all but approximately 6-8 trees are thriving. Meaning less than 10% of the trees are needing to be replaced. Tree health and success in the program is credited to proper irrigation as the dry climate in Carbondale is one of the biggest challenges in keeping trees healthy. David will meet with Kay Brunnier to discuss potential replacements.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION REVIEW**

***Motion Passed:*** The Tree Board application of Dan Bullock was reviewed and approved. Kim Bock ***moved*** to recommend Dan to the Board of Trustees for reappointment. JoAnne Teeple ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

**DECIDE ON ARBOR DAY 2017 PLANTING DATE**

Arbor Day is observed in Carbondale on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of April, which this year falls on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The tree board planting day will be the following Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**IDEAS FOR HERITAGE TREE PROGRAM**

Discussion ensued regarding a heritage tree program and potentially editing the tree ordinance to include a heritage tree program. The Tree Board came to the consensus that they would like to move in more of an educational direction with the heritage tree program concept. In general, there are not enough heritage trees to justify recommending ordinance changes. Carbondale is an urban

forest that has thrived because of irrigation. Before Carbondale was urbanized it was open space covered in sagebrush, and trees will not survive without irrigation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The March 16, 2017, regular meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on April 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Sprang  
Board & Commissions Clerk