

**MINUTES
TREE BOARD
OCTOBER 26, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Dan Bullock called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm on October 26, 2017 in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Members Present: Dan Bullock, Co-Chair
 Joann Teeple, Co-Chair
 Kim Bock, Member
 Gabe Riley, Member

Town Staff Present: Angie Sprang, Board Administrator
 Kevin Schorzman, Town Liaison

Guests & Observers: None Present

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Kim Bock ***moved*** to approve the minutes from September 21, 2017. Joann Teeple ***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.

TOWN ARBORIST SEARCH

Kevin Schorzman, Public Works Director, reported that the Town Arborist search is complete. The new Arborist will begin work on November 6, 2017, his name is Michael Callas, and he currently works for the Town of New Castle. Discussion ensued regarding the hiring and interview process.

TREE MAPPING FOR SOPRIS PARK

Dan Bullock opened discussion regarding the potential of tree mapping Sopris Park. Kevin presented a handout to the members of the board. Aspen Tree Service would use a tree inventory and enter it into a tree mapping software, which could be used to provide tree information on the Town website and used on smart phones to educate the public. Maintenance of the software may pose an issue. The new arborist could potentially create and maintain/update the tree mapping database, instead of utilizing an external consulting service. Dan explored many tree mapping software options, and the cost is typically between \$2k and \$3k for the software alone. Joann mentioned that the software would need to operate in concert with a utilities/GIS program to be effective. Kevin encouraged them to speak with the new arborist at the November meeting. Gabe noted that this would help with continuity of care for trees in Town. The tree board will discuss this agenda item with the new Arborist at the November meeting. The design of Main Street's tree planting was raised, and future redesign decisions could be made considering the tree mapping software data.

KAY BRUNNIER TREE IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Dan mentioned that he did some checking on tag prices, and he noted they are \$50 each for engraved bronze plaques. Discussion ensued, and they resolved that tagging all of the trees in Sopris Park isn't necessary.

Planning for Arbor Day will be on the November agenda. A memorial tree for Bill Lukes will be planted on Arbor Day.

Christmas tree decorations on Main Street were discussed. Public Works will use discretion to light trees in effort to keep them as healthy as possible.

The Tree board requested an update on 191 Sopris trees in the right-of-way. An ideal space of 4 feet circumference around that tree could ideally be an area of protection for the tree. The board is concerned also because of the powerlines above those trees. Kevin will look into this and report back to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

The October 26, 2017, regular meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on November 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Sprang
Board & Commissions Clerk