

# **Tree Board Minutes**

## **Friday, January 7, 2011**

### **Members Present:**

Scott Roederer  
Sandy Burns  
Barbara Williams  
Rex Poggenpohl  
Mike Richardson  
Chuck Levine

### **Members Absent:**

Craig Adams

**Others Present:** Dave Mahany, Russ Franklin, Bruce Kane, Barbara Boyer Buck, and Scott Zurn.

**Quorum:** YES

### **Bird Sanctuary Fencing**

Members of the Tree Board will attend a study session on January 11 to clarify the need for fencing at the bird sanctuary. Rick Spowart from the Department of Wildlife will also be there to indicate his support for the buck-and-rail fence, which will not only prevent the elk from destroying essential bird habitat but will reduce “close encounters” between people on the trail and the elk. Chuck Levine said that the Tree Board will need to show that they are not spending money to fix one problem, only to create another. Scott Roederer will make the presentation which will include information on how high the fence would be, what it would look like, and the support of the Estes Valley Recreation and Parks District (EVRPD) and the Bureau of Reclamation.

### **GOCO Grant**

Members of the Tree Board will attend the next meeting of the EVRPD board and discuss the Wildlife Walk planning grant proposal and ask if they will contribute some funding toward the matching funds requirement. In order to obtain a \$32,000 grant, the Town will need to commit \$8,000 in matching funds. The grant deadline is 5 pm March 5.

A sub-committee of the Tree Board consisting of Mike Richardson, Barbara Williams, Rex Poggenpohl, Scott Roederer and Barbara Boyer Buck will meet on Jan. 11 to discuss strategy for the grant proposal.

### **Budget**

Setting the 2011 budget for Tree City funds was discussed; Russ Franklin said that trees need to be ordered by March. It was decided a good portion of February’s meeting will be dedicated to budget. Staff will prepare a list of priorities for the February meeting.

### **Beetle Symposium/Tree Talks**

Diana Selby had prepared a list of proposed talks for the May Beetle Symposium, along with other ideas to develop for the evening “Tree Talks” through the summer.

It was decided that the May 25 Beetle Symposium will have the following schedule:

1. 8:00 a.m. – Biology of the beetle
2. 9:30 a.m. – Treatment methods
3. 11:00 a.m. – Success stories (HOA, local resources, current efforts)

On a related issue, the Tree Board will develop a program for HOAs to attend a presentation on beetle mitigation in March or April.

For the tree talks, there will be one in June, August and September.  
For the August talk, TREE SELECTION was suggested as the topic.  
For the September talk, DEFENSIBLE SPACE was the suggestion.

The June subject has not yet been determined.

### **Arbor Day**

Sandy Burns reported on Arbor Day activities; John Bryant at the elementary school wants to keep everything the same as last year. Sunrise Rotary will donate another bench for Arbor Day and Diana Selby and Boyd Lebeda are both on board.

Sandy reported on the idea of honoring a citizen with a planting at the senior center; the citizen can be nominated by the public. The criteria for the award was discussed – should it be tree-related or a broader subject.

Sandy said she would put together some ideas and send them out via email. The date for Arbor Day is tentatively set for May 6, if John Bryant agrees.

Sandy asked about the budget for Arbor Day prizes and refreshments and was told it was \$500; this would be inadequate so it was resolved to move \$250 from the Symposium Budget to the Arbor Day budget, making the funds for Arbor Day \$750 and the funds for the Symposium, \$1500.

### **Bond Park Update**

Barb Boyer Buck presented the report prepared for the Parks Department for the Bond Park stakeholders committee. The report contained a map with all locations of existing trees and their condition. The Bond Park plan called for the healthiest trees to be removed, so the stakeholders committee wanted the Tree Board to be aware of this.

### **Craig Adams**

Craig Adams emailed a letter indicating that he was not available for this meeting, and may have only limited availability since he has to work often during the day. He indicated that the board may want to consider replacing him. Scott R. said he would give Craig a call and ask him if he wants to resign.

Respectfully submitted, February 3, 2011, by Barbara Boyer Buck