

Tree Board Minutes

April 1, 2011

Members Present:

Barbara Williams
Sandy Burns
Rex Poggenpohl
Mike Richardson

Members Absent:

Chuck Levine

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

Quorum: YES

Tree Board Appointment

Carol Shannon applied for the open position on the Tree Board, vacated by Craig Adams. An interview will be set up with her this month. Rex will be available all month to participate. Scott Roederer will be out of the state for several months on a bird-watching trip.

Environmental Stewardship Award

The museum will be available on May 9 for the Environmental Stewardship Award presentation and tree planting. Barb will help Sandy Burns design the plaque for this event. Three applications for the award have been received and the deadline is today at 5 pm. Barb will scan in all applications received and forward to all board members; selection of the award recipient will be completed by a quorum vote via email.

Sandy will meet with Barb and Kate Rusch to plan the event.

Sanctuary Fencing

Citizen Joanna Darden attended the meeting to give input about fencing in the bird sanctuary. She presented the Tree Board members with a letter detailing her concerns and Scott Roederer thanked her for taking the time to attend and participate.

Beetle Symposium

Topics were finalized:

- Diana Selby said that either she or Boyd Lebeda will speak on the **Biology of the Beetle** for the first presentation, to begin at 8 a.m. This talk will cover the lifecycle and habits of the Mountain Pine Beetle and other beetle pests including IPS and Spruce Beetle. Also covered will be sanitation and treatment of the beetle wood.
- Agency Panel will discuss **updates on the fight against the beetle** – included will be USFS, RMNP, CSFS, the Town of Estes Park and Larimer County. Barb will invite all participants. Each speaker will explain their roles and what they expect to see this season.
- **Success Stories in the Battle of the Beetle:** HOA representatives who have developed an association-wide beetle policy will discuss successes and challenges faced with this epidemic.

Arbor Day

Sandy presented a schedule of events for Arbor Day, slated for May 6, 2011 at the Elementary School. Speakers include the Mayor, Town Officials, Body Lebeda, Diana Selby, Vaughn Baker, John Bryant, School Board members, and representatives from Sunrise Rotary.

A full day of seminars will take place for each classroom followed by the tree planting, bench dedication, and ceremony in front of the school. Val Thompson of You Need Pie will provide the tree-shaped cookies for the kids.

It was suggested that another meeting be held on April 22, 2011 to finalize Arbor Day and Environmental Stewardship Award events.

Respectfully submitted, June 28, 2011, by Barbara Boyer Buck