

Tree Board Minutes January 16, 2024

Attendees: Mark Newland, Tom Wells, Christina Patterson, Greg Hottinger, Paula Martin

Meeting agenda and minutes approved.

1. Agenda item #1 - 2024 Budgeted items
 - a. **PlanIT Geo** - sells Tree inventory & tree canopy software Inventory essential for diagnosing specific trees/sites Perhaps by March John will have a conversation w/Trustees to understand how to proceed with PlanIT Geo.
 - Action item – Greg will talk with Kamie/Rob Davis to make sure that we can't get this info from cotreeview.org. John will initiate a discussion with Trustees
 - b. **Emerald Ash Borer Treatment** - Which trees to target to begin process - Greg created a spreadsheet based on a Good or Fair rating of EA trees listed on the Street Trees and Town Park inventories (Kamie Long/CSFS inventories) -Need to know which trees are 8in. In diameter or larger.
 - Action item – Greg will send Tom a spreadsheet of locations of ash. Tom will visit each site and assess.
 - c. **Town Park Inventory update** - Greg spoke with Kamie, the goal is to complete the inventory this summer. Matching grant money may be available. What about Lees, Apple Valley, Polis?
 - Action item - Greg will connect with Kamie to get additional details on grant availability and discuss Kamie's summer availability. Then Tree Board can present to the Trustees.
 - d. **Tree Board functions** –
 - a. Arbor Day - last Friday in April-too early to plant in CO - combine Arbor Day and Tree Planting Education Day
 - b. Sick Tree Day - Tom will be available as a diagnostician for Sick Tree Day - June ? TBD end of June. → Action item - John will identify date.
 - c. Public Works Training on Tree Care - needs to occur March or April, before trees leaf out - discussion - target healthiest trees that need pruning Do we need permission to prune Right of Way trees? Are there separate monies/assistance/matching funds for pruning assistance? *Focus on liability issues based upon Kamie's reports. → Action item - John will speak with Stefen.
2. **Community Open Discussion** - March, April, May - use report from PlantIT Geo to open discussion.
 - Action item – identify date and make known to the public.
3. **Tree Permit Process.** → Action item - Tom will contact Rob Davis, GJ City Forester; Greg will contact David Koon from Aspen for guidance on ordinance language and actual permit.
4. **Sidewalk Repair** - Sidewalk root trimming training (Tom and Mark to lead) → Action item – Paula and Greg will meet with Cory to discuss plans. Will coordinate training with Cory.
5. **Public Comment.** No public citizens present.

Next meeting: Townhall Community Room - February 20, 2023 @ 5:15