



## TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Debbie Evans, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 2:00 PM.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

### III. ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Debbie Evans, Kathy Siena, Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, Maureen Parkes, Uma Bhatti, John Tamsberg, Kimberly Blair Chenoweth

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Will Gurney (Landscape Maintenance Superintendent), Michelle Diaz (Recording Secretary), Rebecca Warner (Assistant Recording Secretary)

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. MARCH 6, 2024 TREE BOARD MINUTES

Debbie Evans requested the following revisions be made:

- Section V. STAFF UPDATES, Item A. RECENT PLANTINGS & STATUS UPDATES – WILL GURNEY, first paragraph, second sentence; change “award” to “awarded”.
- Section VI. NEW BUSINESS, Item A. EARTH/ARBOR DAY EVENT 2024, second paragraph, second sentence; change “return” to “returning”.
- Section VI. NEW BUSINESS, Item B. TREE SEEDLINGS, first paragraph, second sentence; change “order” to “ordered”.

**A motion was made by Kathy Siena, and seconded by Uma Bhatti, to approve and adopt the March 6, 2024 Tree Board meeting minutes, with corrections, unanimously passed by Debbie Evans, Kathy Siena, Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, Maureen Parkes, Uma Bhatti, John Tamsberg, and Kimberly Blair Chenoweth (7-0).**

#### B. MARCH 20, 2024 TREE BOARD MINUTES

**A motion was made by John Tamsberg, and seconded by Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, to approve and adopt the March 20, 2024 Tree Board meeting minutes, unanimously passed by Debbie Evans, Kathy Siena, Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, Maureen Parkes, Uma Bhatti, John Tamsberg, and Kimberly Blair Chenoweth (7-0).**

**V. STAFF UPDATES**

**A. RECENT PLANTINGS & STATUS UPDATES – WILL GURNEY**

Will Gurney updated the Tree Board on recent plantings, projects, and miscellaneous items.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. RECAP OF EARTH/ARBOR DAY 2024**

Will Gurney and the Tree Board recapped the 2024 Earth/Arbor Day Event.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**A motion was made by Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, seconded by Uma Bhatti, to re-elect Debbie Evans as Chairperson of the Tree Board and Kathy Siena as Vice Chairperson of the Tree Board, unanimously passed by Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, Maureen Parkes, Uma Bhatti, John Tamsberg, and Kimberly Blair Chenoweth (5-0); with Debbie Evans and Kathy Siena abstained.**

**VIII. COMMENTS**

Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano discussed having a proclamation for Native Plant Month.

Kathy Siena discussed the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Planting coming up in September.

John Tamsberg discussed Wellington's ordinance regarding tree removal.

Kathy Siena informed the Tree Board that she has been collaborating with Will Gurney, with planning the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Planting that will take place on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM, for National Public Lands Day; the location of the planting has not been determined at this time.

John Tamsberg discussed Wellington's ordinance regarding tree removal and the enforcement of this ordinance. Mr. Tamsberg requested that staff members from the Code Enforcement and Planning & Zoning Department attend the next Tree Board meeting to have further discussion on the ordinance.

**IX. ADJOURN**

**A motion was made by John Tamsberg, and seconded by Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, to adjourn at 3:19 PM. The motion was unanimously passed by Debbie Evans, Kathy Siena, Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano, Maureen Parkes, Uma Bhatti, John Tamsberg, and Kimberly Blair Chenoweth (7-0).**

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