

Paonia Tree Board

Minutes

Meeting of November 21, 2023

Attendees: Board members: Greg Hottinger, Mark Newland, John Valentine and Greg Thompson.
Community attendee: Christina Patterson

Called to order at 5:27pm. Meeting place was Nido restaurant.

Meeting agenda and October 17 minutes were approved (motion by Mark and seconded by Greg T) with one revision (a request by Mark to discuss a tree list and town tree related ordinance)

- 1) Agenda item 3---John updated board regarding town budget, which is still preliminary. Nothing definitive yet as to status of tree board funding request.
- 2) Agenda items 4 and 5--- (Sidewalk and GIS Layer from Kamie). Sidewalk work as defined in agenda will commence on April 1 with a 12/31/24 estimated completion date. Board needs to get GIS Layer from Kamie before April 1st to enable an inventory/inspection of trees impacted by this town construction project. Action plan: get layer from Kamie, schedule Jeremiah, and review scope of project.
- 3) Tree list and town ordinance: Mark presented board with a ROW (right of way) recommended tree list he developed and refined from other nearby Western Slope town tree lists. A conversation ensued and Mark suggested further refinement may be in order. Regarding Paonia's tree related town ordinances, Mark suggested that an update was appropriate. He will formulate a draft of an updated version and submit to the board for ideas.
- 4) Agenda item 6--Greg H opened a conversation of how to engage the community regarding town trees. The board was receptive and thought March or April would be appropriate dates for holding such an event.
- 5) Agenda item 7---Christina Patterson suggested/discussed 1) the idea of having the tree board collaborate with the Paonia Historical Park and Museum regarding trees in general and care of Catalpa tree at Miner's statue in town park. 2) a need for more definitive action on ROW trees.

Other:

Re: "Permit" for ROW tree work. The board discussed the idea (most recently brought up by town manager Stephan) of instituting a town administered work permit for tree work. The board suggested that additional conversations with Stephan occur regarding this idea.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

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