

Paonia Tree Board

Minutes

October 17, 2023

Board Attendees: Greg Hottinger, Greg Thompson

Community attendees: Karen Fogg

- Lacking a quorum, the minutes and agenda were not approved
- Greg Hottinger reported on agenda items 4 and 5:

Item 4 (Budget Proposals Update): Greg H reported that he submitted five Tree Board budget items for consideration by the town to include in the coming year's budget.

1. Planit Geo Canopy computer program tool \$3000
2. Develop Emerald Ash Borer action plan \$2240
3. Undertake a tree inventory of the town's parks \$1800 – 2000 (could be reduced to approx. \$1000 with matching grant from the Tree Coalition).
4. Miscellaneous, normal tree board budget --\$1000
5. Develop a plan for rating, assessing and evaluating the condition of trees along the town rights of way, including the costs for pruning and other remedial actions. \$12,000

Item 5 (Notes from Kamie Long): Greg summarized a October 9 phone conversation with Kamie Long. They discussed: 1) Western Urban Forestry, which she promoted, and 2) Colorado Tree View, a mapping tool for tracking a town's urban forest .

Comments from Paonia resident Karen Fogg: Karen is interested in being on the Tree Board. She voiced her desire to see more trees planted in Paonia.