



Abilene Tree Board Meeting Agenda
April 29, 2022

Arbor Day – Fourth Grade Forester Program

Eisenhower Elementary School – 1101 N. Vine Street at 9:00 a.m.

(A Tree Board meeting will follow the presentation & planting.)

St. Andrew's Elementary School – 301 S. Buckeye Avenue at 10:45 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Roll Call: ___ Drew Snitker ___ Tim Strunk ___ Hayley Whitehair
 ___ Vice-Chair Corey Jones ___ Chair Steven Flynn

2. Approval of Agenda – April 29, 2022

3. Approval of Minutes – March 22, 2022

4. Business

- Poster Contest Tree Planting
- Cost Share Program Trees

5. Comments

6. Adjournment



Abilene Tree Board Meeting Minutes
Abilene Public Library – 209 NW 4th Street
March 22, 2022 – 5:30 pm

Members Present: Steve Flynn, Corey Jones, Drew Snitker, Tim Strunk, and Hayley Whitehair

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Jennie Hiatt

Others Present: none

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Flynn.

2. Roll Call

Present: Flynn, Strunk, and Whitehair

3. Approval of the Agenda

Strunk made a motion to approve the agenda as written and Whitehair seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

4. Approval of the Minutes from February 15, 2022

Strunk made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Whitehair seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

5. Business

- **TCUSA Recognition – 30 years**

Whitehair and Hiatt will be attending the Tree City USA program and recognition at the Rolling Hills Zoo in Salina on Thursday, April 24th.

- **Arbor Day Poster Contest District Winner**

Hiatt stated that Lucy Barton, from St. Andrew's Elementary School was a district poster winner and will be recognized by Kim Bomberger.

The other local poster winners were from St. Andrew's as well. Sam Holland's poster was 2nd place and Khianna Graf and Alec Wuthnow tied for 3rd place.

Jones arrived at 5:52 pm and Snitker arrived 6:00 pm.

- **Arbor Day Activities**

The Arbor Day Proclamation will be presented at the April 25th City Commission meeting, Arbor Day is on Friday, April 29th.

There was discussion regarding the Fourth Grade Forester program. Hiatt provided a list of what seedlings would be available to order from the Arbor Day Foundation, since the previous company appears to have gone out of business and the state forestry department is sold out of seedlings. She also stated that St. Andrew's currently has sixteen 4th grade students and Eisenhower currently has eighty-five. There was discussion regarding the seedlings.

Strunk made a motion to order Colorado Blue Spruce seedlings from the Arbor Day Foundation and Flynn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

There was continued discussion regarding the plans for Arbor Day. Snitker said that he would touch base with John Barbur regarding the tree plan that he designed for Eisenhower Elementary. Hiatt stated that she would touch base with St. Andrew's regarding planting the tree in Father Peter's front yard, since the school is getting ready to do an expansion.

- **Cost Share Program**

At last month's meeting Flynn proposed the idea of looking at areas in the right-of-way that could use a tree(s) and then getting with the property owner to see if they would like to participate. The Tree Board would purchase the tree(s) and help with the planting and watering. He thought that looking along the Buckeye and 3rd Street corridors would be a good place to start.

There was continued discussion. Flynn said that any type of Caddo Maple would be a good tree to plant.

Strunk made a motion to call the new program "Trees for Mainstreet". Flynn seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

- **Tree Survey**

To be discussed further later.

6. Comments

The Arbor Day/Fourth Grade Forester program will be held on Friday, April 29th, with a meeting held that same day.

7. Adjournment

Strunk made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Snitker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (5-0), and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Jennie Hiatt
Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved,

Steve Flynn, Chair
Corey Jones, Vice-Chair