



Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting to order at 5:00 pm

1. Roll Call

Bill Monroe
Mary Monroe
Alison O'Connor
Rebekah Wilson
Wendy Ball
John Pankonin
Sue Bielawski-Excused

Also Present: Town Forester Ken Kawamura

2. Review of Agenda by the Board and Addition of Items of New Business to the Agenda for Consideration by the Board

Ms. Ball moved to approve the Agenda. Mr. Pankonin seconded the motion. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

3. Liaison Reports No Report

4. Public Invited to be Heard No Report/Hearings

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from February 27, 2018

Ms. Monroe moved to approve the minutes from February 27, 2018. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. BOARD ACTION

1. None

D. BOARD DISCUSSION

1. Discuss and inspect tree planting locations for Arbor Day Volunteer tree planting event.

Discussion was held by Board.

2. Audit

Assessment of Windsor's Main Park:

History of Main Park:

- The land for Main Park was donated to the Town of Windsor in 1902
- In 1904, women and children planted 300-400 trees to celebrate Arbor Day; many of these trees did not survive due to lack of care
- In 1908, George Nelson replanted 600 trees and hand watered them; approximately 20 years later, the trees were thinned
 - Mr. Nelson planted ash, honeylocust, cottonwood and elm, among others
- In 2008, Main Park lost 100 trees due to the F3 tornado that came through town; Mr. Kawamura and his staff were able to date some of the fallen trees to 100 years and Mr. Nelson's plantings
- In the fall of 2008, the Town of Windsor and the Windsor Tree Board hosted the "plant small GROW TALL" event and nearly 200 trees were replanted in Main Park
- On April 21, 2018, with the help of the Windsor Rotary Club, an additional 20 trees were planted to replace small DBH ash (<10") as shadow planting trees; 13 larger ash will remain and possible receive treatment once emerald ash borer is detected outside of Boulder County

Assessment of Main Park: Mr. Kawamura provided the Tree Board with an auditing form, that the Board used to provide feedback and comments. Below are the Board's notes.

Note: The rating scale was 1-5; with "1" being "needs improvement" and "5" being "excellent".

Species: 5/5

- No additional notes

Size: 4/5

- The park is large with two playgrounds and plenty of space for kids, dogs and people to recreate. Parking is readily available.

Condition of trees: 3/5

- The current condition of some of the trees is *not* a reflection of forestry staff; many trees were drastically pruned following the tornado with intent to remove. Though pruned in unorthodox fashion, these trees have done surprisingly well, post-tornado recovery. Some ash trees were left in place to serve as "trap trees" for emerald ash borer.
- A few of the trees planted during the "plant small GROW TALL" event were planted too deeply or had poor structure or root systems. These trees are not as healthy, nor as large, as others.

Site: 4/5

- The park location is in the center of Windsor and is the oldest park in town; with that, it also likely has some of the best soils.
- The park gets a lot of use, from the Harvest Festival to pickle ball players. When the Board was doing the audit, a group of kids were playing in the lawn and on the play equipment.
- The park provides two play areas, horseshoe pits, a gazebo and pickleball courts.

Age class: 5/5

- The trees in the park range in age from 100 years old (the oldest) to newly planted.

Diversity: 5/5

- Mr. Kawamura estimates that approximately 60 species of trees are represented in the park.

Available planting space: 4/5

- There are approximately 420 current trees planted in Main Park.
- With the varying age class of the trees in Main Park, available planting space can be limited; it's important to allow for open areas of play, but also plant where a tree can thrive.
- Shade from large trees is a potential limitation of Main Park (both for overall tree growth and turf growth).

Uniqueness: 4/5

- The park is unique because of its location (once central in Windsor) and the age of the park and trees.
- As the town has developed, the park has developed and added additional features, such as the pickleball courts, a sprinkler system, gazebo, horseshoe pits, etc.
- In terms of notoriety, Main Park is well known by all Windsor residents and serves as the host site to the Harvest Festival.

Notability: 5/5

- Main Park is likely the most special and loved parks in Windsor; it has weathered many storms (literally and figuratively).
- The fact that the park only lost 100 trees during the tornado is impressive—it also shows the care the foresters have for the park. Trees that were not pruned properly or left unhealthy would have fallen, resulting in potentially more damage (and liability).
- A few notable tree species in the park include: Amur corktree, a scarlet oak, a few old American elms and ginkgo.

Accessibility: 5/5

- The park doesn't allow for vehicle traffic inside the boundaries, but plenty of street parking is available.
- There are a lot of children who play in the park on a daily basis.
- The park also serves as a meeting spot for families and picnics.
- Dogs can enjoy the turf and the shade.
- There is a path that runs through the center of the park.
- Parking is easy to find on the surrounding streets.

Overall rating: 4.5/5

- The Board thoroughly enjoyed our visit and audit of Main Park.
- We feel that Mr. Kawamura and his staff are doing an excellent job of maintaining the park's history and developing it for the future.
- We were excited about the number of unique species that were planted in the park and supportive of Mr. Kawamura's efforts to push the boundaries and plant new material.

What trees the Board would like to see planted: bigtooth maple, Caddo sugar maple, lacebark pine, additional white fir, sycamore, sweetgum, pinyon, hemlock, blue spruce

What trees the children in the park want planted: "Christmas trees", aspen, cherry and pines

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Communications from Town Staff

- No Report

2. Communications from Chairperson and Board

- No Report

F. ADJOURN

Ms. Ball moved to adjourn; Mr. Monroe seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motioned carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.