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## **JOHNSTOWN TREE BOARD**

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*MISSION STATEMENT: Enhancing the quality of life of our residents, businesses, and visitors through community focused leadership.*

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- [1.](#) October 23, 2023 Tree Board Meeting Minutes
2. Tree City USA Programing and Presentation of Plaque
3. Arbor Day Celebrations: Tree Give Away and Tree Planting
- [4.](#) Planned Projects in the Community

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

### **ADJOURN**

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# Town of Johnstown

## JOHNSTOWN TREE BOARD

450 S. Parish, Johnstown, CO

Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

Tree Board Member Troy Mellon called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

##### TREE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vanessa Dominguez

Troy Mellon

Dianne Morris

Andrew Paranto

Chad Young

##### ABSENT:

Damien Berg

Jessie Molinar Jr

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes

*Board Member Young moved to approve the minutes*

Board Member Morris seconded and the motion passed

2. Tree City USA Programing and Presentation of Plaque

Matt LeCerf, Town Manager, presented the plaque from the 2022 Tree City USA. Mr. LeCerf noted the Town is committed to being dedicated to trees and care for the trees. It was mentioned that the Town will order several Tree City USA flags.

3. Arbor Day Celebrations: School Tour and Tree Give Away

Mr. LeCerf noted the School Tour visitation program, where due to the weather conditions trees were not planted. In 2024 an Arbor Day proclamation will be given, as well as continuing school tours.

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The Tree Voucher program will also take place in 2024. Mr. LeCerf noted in two days over 120 vouchers were given out. The quantity available for the community would increase in 2024 due to the popularity of the program.

4. Planned Projects in the Community

The proposed budget in 2024 included in the packet was discussed. Replanting in Parish Park was discussed, and \$50,000 was estimated. An increase in the community tree fund to \$14,000, which would purchase 150 trees. \$124,000 is expected to be spent in 2024.

Board Members asked for clarification on who the trees are purchased from. Mr. LeCerf noted it was from Trees Across Colorado, the State approved company.

Board Members inquired on the health of the Town's trees. Mr. LeCerf noted the possibility of partnering with an arborist in 2025 to inspect the Town's trees and provide an inventory. The possibilities of changing a park to an orchard was discussed.

5. Other Business/Tree Items

There were no other items.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

There were no reports or comments from the Tree Board members.

ADJOURN

Tree Board Member Mellon adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm.

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Michael P. Duncan, Chair



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## TREE BOARD AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

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**AGENDA DATE:** November 18, 2024

**SUBJECT:** 2024 Overview, Arbor Day Celebration, and Planned Projects in the Community

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. None

**PRESENTED BY:** Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

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### AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

The Town has made significant investments in tree maintenance and plantings in 2024. As part of the Town’s annual Tree City USA program application, we are required to invest a minimum of \$2.00 per capita (\$40,000 total). While the Johnstown population is debatable based on various demographic estimates, we have inserted a number of 20,000 population for the current year. During 2024, the Town participated in both an Arbor Day Celebration on October 18, 2024 as well as provided trees to the community, ordering 171 trees for giveaway. This was supported by the Trees Across Colorado Programming. We didn’t have our typical celebration for Arbor Day at the schools, but we will be working next year to make that change looking forward in future years. The lack of this annual event was due to staffing levels and concurrent workloads that required other higher level obligations to be prioritized ahead of this event. The table below illustrates the allocation of funds thus far for the calendar year in the various categories.

For FY 2024, we have the following allocations made for tree maintenance:

<b>Tree Focused Purpose</b>	<b>Expenditures (through November 14, 2024)</b>
Maintenance	\$37,889.00
Planting	\$8,812.37
Community Tree Program	\$14,000.00
Total	\$60,701.37

In an effort to keep the tree count positive, we have allocated at \$98,000 into the FY 2025 budget for replacement, removal and maintenance of trees in the community and our parks. One element we are still contemplating is an application that is used to prevent Emerald Ash Borer from impacting ash trees. The initial application quote we've received is \$25,000. This is a yearly application. While we have not had any direct exposure to the insect, we're also not sure of the potential. Once they introduce themselves into the community, combating them can be difficult and there are a number of ash trees – for example many of the trees down Charlotte Street are ash. In 2025, we hope to have a greater Arbor Day Celebration by partnering with the local elementary schools.

For FY 2025, we have the following allocations made for tree maintenance:

<b>Tree Focused Purpose</b>	<b>Allocations in FY 2025 (preliminary)</b>
Maintenance	\$50,000.00
Planting	\$30,000.00
Community Tree Program	\$18,000.00
Total	\$98,000.00

Are there other programs you would like to see us pursue in the future related to tree projects and programs?



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# PROCLAMATION

## Arbor Day Celebration

**WHEREAS,** in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS,** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS,** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

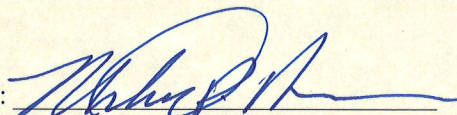
**WHEREAS,** trees – wherever they are planted– are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

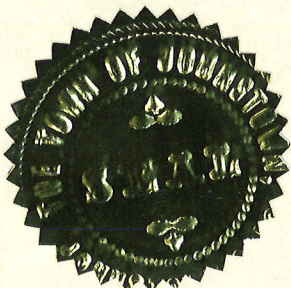
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN, COLORADO THAT:

*I, Michael P. Duncan, Mayor of the Town of Johnstown, on behalf of the Johnstown Town Council and the Johnstown Community do hereby proclaim October 18, 2024, as Arbor Day in the Town of Johnstown and I urge all citizens to celebrate*

### **Arbor Day**

*And to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Furthermore, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations*

By:   
Michael P. Duncan, Mayor



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