

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Tree Board meeting held Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 8:00  
2 p.m. at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

5 Barbara Allen  
6 Brandon Henderson  
7 Keith Roper, arrived at 8:17 p.m.  
8 Sara Stettler  
9 Heather Taylor, Chair

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11 **STAFF PRESENT**

12 Brian Plummer, City Council Liaison  
13 Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor  
14 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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16 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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18 Minutes of the August 20, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Heather Taylor made a **motion** to  
19 approve the minutes as amended. Barbara Allen seconded the motion, which was passed by  
20 unanimous vote (4-0).

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22 **DISCUSS THREE HOMES ON PEACH TREE DRIVE WHO GOT TREE**  
23 **VOUCHERS AND EIGHTEEN HOMES ON 400 WEST WHO HAD TREES REMOVED**

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25 Heather Taylor reported Marc Marchant said he is willing to give her the addresses of the  
26 18 trees that were removed on 400 West so the Tree Board can talk to the homeowners about  
27 helping get replacement trees planted, and Marc Marchant will reissue vouchers for those trees if  
28 requested. As for the homes on Peach Tree Drive that lost trees, Mr. Marchant was willing to  
29 reissue vouchers that have expired to the homeowners who already requested the voucher, but he  
30 is unwilling to issue vouchers for those who never requested them. He said it is because the homes  
31 on Peach Tree Drive received their vouchers too far in the past. Sara Stettler, Brandon Henderson,  
32 and Heather Taylor are willing to contact homeowners who want tree vouchers. If more help is  
33 needed, Heather said she would like to contact previous Tree Board members and ask for their help  
34 with the current project.

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36 **PLAN AGENDA AND TALKING POINTS FOR WORK SESSION WITH CITY**  
37 **COUNCIL**

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39 Brian Plummer, City Council Liaison, reported at the City Council meeting on September  
40 2<sup>nd</sup>, Gina Hirst requested all City Council members bring their priorities to the work session. Mr.  
41 Plummer requested a work session with a plan for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration next year, since it  
42 will be the 250-year celebration of independence for America.

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44 **At 8:17 p.m., Keith Roper arrived at the meeting.**

1 Brian Plummer said tree vouchers need to be approved because it promotes people not  
2 planting trees in park strips. January 2026 will be the earliest the Tree Board can have a work  
3 session with the City Council. Heather Taylor asked if the Tree Board will have a place in the  
4 General Plan. Mr. Plummer said the General Plan draft is almost ready. When it is ready, the public  
5 will be allowed to see it. The Tree Board can ask for potential amendments to the General Plan.  
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7 At the work session, there will be 30 minutes allowed for each agenda item. It is hoped the  
8 voucher program can be used to prevent a tree deficit when trees are removed from park strips.  
9 Heather Taylor said she will write a letter to Mayor Wilkinson about the voucher program, and that  
10 it will hopefully generate more trees in yards and not park strips.  
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12 In 2028, Balsam Drive will have trees removed, and in 2030, Bonita Drive will have trees  
13 removed. Heather said she would like the vouchers to have a 12-month expiration instead of the  
14 six-month expiration that they currently have. Brandon Henderson agreed that nurseries have the  
15 best selection only once per year, in the spring. Brian Plummer said the I-15 expansion project is  
16 coming. Properties will become eminent domain, and UDOT has already purchased properties on  
17 the Frontage Road. The Tree Board discussed if the State or County removes trees, could tree  
18 vouchers be given to those homeowners?  
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20 The following are issues to be discussed for the work session with the City Council:  
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- 22 • Ask for vouchers to be 12 months instead of six months.
- 23 • Permission to talk to homeowners about the voucher program instead of Marc  
24 Marchant.
- 25 • Impress on the City Council the loss of shade and enjoyment when a tree is removed.
- 26 • It will take a generation to get back what was removed when a tree is taken out.
- 27 • Can vouchers be used for sod and sprinklers.
- 28 • The goal is no tree deficits.
- 29 • Can Tree Board members visit future projects and give a voucher before the tree is  
30 removed.  
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32 Brian Plummer said there will be a Meet and Greet for City Council candidates who are  
33 running for election on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall. This would be a  
34 good time to see what their opinions are on the tree vouchers.  
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36 **DISCUSS PARRISH LANE DAMAGED BY CONSTRUCTION, AS WELL AS NEW**  
37 **PLANTINGS AND CHOICE OF MATERIALS**  
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39 Heather Taylor and Brandon Henderson reported they viewed the trees that were damaged  
40 by the construction on Parrish Lane. There were eleven trees that were injured without follow-up  
41 pruning to clean them up. This allows disease and insects to systemically damage trees. Heather  
42 took pictures of the damaged trees, and she and Brandon are willing to prune the trees if allowed  
43 to do so.

1 The new trees that were planted on the east side of America First Credit Union are flowering pear  
2 trees, and they were planted too close together. The dripline is in the wrong place. It should not be  
3 placed at the trunk, but should be away from the trunk. Heather is also concerned about the small  
4 rocks that were placed on the hill, as they can easily fall on the sidewalk. Heather feels City  
5 Engineering needs to be made aware of this issue, so that better planning can be done in the future.  
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7 Brian Plummer said he would like to know what the private property owner thinks about  
8 the trees. Brian Plummer suggested that Heather come to the Open Public Forum at the City  
9 Council meeting and tell the City Council of her concerns. Brandon Henderson said the trees on  
10 Parrish Lane are at the front and center when people drive into Centerville. The pruning cannot  
11 take place until Marc Marchant gives permission. Barbara Allen expressed concern about  
12 contractors who plant trees and then the trees die. They usually do not use proper watering  
13 techniques which causes the trees to die. Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor, said he found five places  
14 at the cemetery to plant trees. He does not know yet what trees will be planted, but pine trees are  
15 avoided because of their low branches. Trees that have pods are also avoided. Heather Taylor  
16 suggested the zelkovas tree.  
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18 **FOLLOW-UP ON ONGOING INITIATIVES**

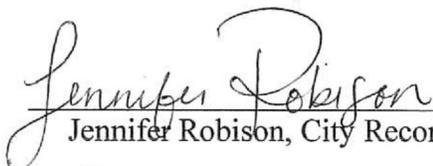
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20 The Tree Board discussed the Centerville Tree Guide that Brandon Henderson and his wife  
21 made. Keith Roper said he showed the Tree Guide to Mark Wahlstrom at the Utah State Extension,  
22 and he made suggestions to the Tree Guide. He suggested the sugar maple be changed to red maple.  
23 There will be a Basic Tree Planting and Pruning class on November 7<sup>th</sup>. In the near future, there  
24 will be a Municipal Forestry class and a First Arbor Ship Apprentice class offered through the  
25 Urban Forestry Website. Keith will send this information to Tree Board members and to Bryce  
26 King to have him put the link to the Urban Forestry Website on the city website and in the  
27 November city newsletter.  
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29 **NEXT MEETING**

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31 The next Tree Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. at  
32 City Hall.  
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34 **ADJOURN**

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36 At 9:10 p.m., Heather Taylor made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Brandon Henderson  
37 seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).  
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41 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

11/24/2025  
Date Approved

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44 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary  
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