

**TOWN OF TWISP  
TREE BOARD  
January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Filer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Attendees:** Chairman Dwight Filer  
Member Len Baublitz  
Member Tamar Baber  
Member Nick Crimp  
Council Member Caswell

**Absent:** Member Bruce Morrison

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** N/A

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Discussion – DNR Grant:**

Chairman Filer stated that the deadline for the grant is June 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that he would like to get the management plan updated and to make it a editable digital file to make it easier for everyone to split the duties up and complete it quicker. Chairman Filer said that Jim is planning on coming to a Town Council meeting in March to give a presentation on the summer planting sites. He would like to meet and brainstorm before April on where to plant and would like to make it into a public celebration.

**Discussion – Arbor Day:**

Chairman Filer would like to plan for the next Arbor Day celebration. The state Arbor day is April 12<sup>th</sup> and the National Arbor Day is April 28<sup>th</sup>. It is a consensus that it is done on a Market Day on Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> at commons park. He would like to have the students from Classroom in Bloom to participate. Chairman Filer said that he would like to do the hand out tree care guides and do a planting demonstration.

**Discussion – Tree Failure:**

Chairman Filer would like to remove all the trees that need to go on Glover. The silver maple that fell on 5<sup>th</sup> and Glover fell to the East and onto a house. He would like to check the root wad in the spring to see why it would have done that as silver maples should last 100 or more years. He thinks it might have to do with Glover street being redone and that some roots may have been cut on the West side causing it to lose stability and fall to the East. Council Member Caswell stated that we would have to talk to Public Works before planting or taking trees down. Board Member Baber stated that she would like to do a walk with Chairman Filer before doing any cutting just to make sure that the trees do need to go. She

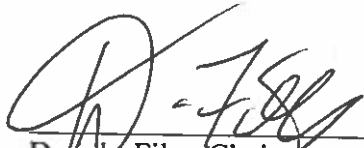
also stated that before cutting we should give citizens warnings so that it does not come as a surprise. Board Member Crimp asked about the possibility of getting a grant to help fund the removal of the trees. Chairman Filer said the DNR most likely will not as they do not fund the removal of trees, only the planting of them. Board Member Baublitz mentioned re-visiting the tree inventory and doing that by going street by street. He also stated that the Board should visit the sites of the twenty-three trees up for removal that were mentioned in the old plan. Board Member Crimp also stated that if we are to do this it should be done in phases.


**Classroom In Bloom:**

Chairman Filer stated that it was a huge success, but was also a lot of work. There were over 30 students involved in the project and they were very excited. Some of the challenges they faced were the planting site changing two or three times. The planting site that they have now is full of rocks and very hard to get the trees into the ground. He is hoping to do a site visit in the Spring and find somewhere else to plant, like outside of the fence by the original site. Board Member Crimp stated that the Board should have an organized plan to present to the school to show the challenges and exactly what is needed to make sure the program runs smoothly. For the trees that have already been planted they are planning on being replanted in four years. Chairman Filer stated that they are wanting to get better name tags for the trees. They used less than one-third of the budget so it is very sustainable.

**Next Steps:**

There being no further business Chairman Filer adjourned the meeting at 10:59 am.

  
Dwight Filer, Chairman

  
Heather Davis, Secretary