

Salida Tree Board

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A town without trees isn't fit for a dog!

Board Meeting March 13, 2018

Members Present: Kathryn Hardgrave, Dave Hinman, Marilyn Moore, Diana Smith, Will Taliaferro

Also Present: JT Shaver, currently forester with the Colorado State Forest Service in Gunnison and Hinsdale counties

Colorado State Forest Service Advisor: Kathryn will be retiring in early April! She introduced JT Shaver, who will be moving from Gunnison to the CSFS office in Salida, and who will be the new tree board advisor.

Emerald Ash Borer: Kathryn will conduct a workshop for the tree board on how to peel green ash sample limbs to look for EAB infestation on April 4, 1 pm, at the CSFS office.

Pruning and Removals: Terra Firma has three more days of work. Dave reported that David had hoped to get all the tree work below the mesa completed this year. However, Terra Firma is spending time doing complete pruning on the trees rather than just removing hazards. This makes sense to do once the guys are up there, but it does mean that fewer trees will get done.

Tree Guards: David discovered there is a new metal fabricator in Salida, 6-Line Metalworks, and Diana got an estimate from them of \$400 per tree guard plus \$1000 to install. Millstream in Buena Vista had quoted \$350 per tree. Diana will ask Millstream to look at the downtown trees in Salida and suggest how to make the tree guards compatible with the existing grates, which need to be easy to remove so the wells can be cleaned out occasionally. JT will look at the tree guards in Gunnison and see how they have been installed.

American Elm Soft Scale Treatment: Jake reported via email that Front Range Arborists in Colorado Springs would soil-inject Merit to treat 35 American elms in the parks and at the Touber Building for \$2500; for an additional \$300 they would include Orthene in the injection, which would speed the Merit uptake. The treatment would only need to be repeated every other year. Mission Ready in Canon City quoted \$11,760, but

made that estimate with incomplete information from Jake. Do they do trunk injections? Soil injection is preferable as it does not require multiple wounds to each tree. Kathryn and JT commented that in Fort Collins they have found that the elm scale becomes resistant to Merit, and it is recommended that dormant oil spray alternate with Merit treatments.

Scout Hut Landscaping: Will reported that the irrigation system around the Scout Hut should be up and running soon, and the city is beginning to install landscaping in front of the building. It will be a while still before sod can be installed, but at least it will be possible to get water to the trees.

Forest Health: Kathryn announced that the Colorado State Forest Service's 2017 Report on the Health of Colorado's Forests is available online. The theme of this year's report is "Meeting the Challenge of Colorado's Dead and At-Risk Trees".

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, April 10, 8 am, in The Methodist Mountain Room at the Touber Building