

TAEB Minutes April 9, 2025

Attendees; Linda Grandstaff, Sam Bonvissuto, Allison Welch, Patrick Costello, Rita Stevens, Alex Martin, Matt Bixenstine, Bryan Evans

The meeting began at 6:01 pm via Zoom. Following a motion by Matt and second by Allison, the minutes of the March 12, 2025 meeting were approved as submitted.

The board discussed the tree giveaway, with 19 trees remaining as of the meeting. About 10 volunteers have been lined up for the pick up event on 4/26. Jeff Tommer of Native Landscaping will assist with the tree planting demos and our corporate sponsor Neograph is also providing volunteers. Linda will bring the signs and the recipient list for check in and Matt will make an additional social media post to try to move the remains trees.

On Outreach, the board discussed the StoryWalk tree book donation by the Lakewood Garden Club, the Tree Contest to run from June through August, if Lakewood Observer is in agreement. Linda will work with GardenWalk Lakewood to incorporate tree identification as a part of the GardenWalk on July 19. The board will continue to look into the community arboretum concept. Working with Lakewood Alive on outreach also.

The annual report to the to the Public Works and Sustainability committee of City Council is scheduled on April 21. The board discussed the presentation.

The board discussed coming up with incentives for rental property owners to plant trees. Additional ideas will be developed.

The Forestry Department provided an update on the spring tree planting, stump removal and hazardous tree removal (approximately 18 trees). Seasonal help will be hired for watering of spring planted trees.

The meeting ended at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Grandstaff, Chair and Secretary