



Town of Paonia
214 Grand Avenue
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 5:15 PM
Tree Board Agenda
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81533064038>
Meeting ID: 815 3306 4038

- A) Roll Call
- B) Approval of Agenda
- C) Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2025 Tree Board Meeting Minutes
- D) Actions & Presentations
 - Public comments must be related to the agenda item, 3-minute time limit.

 - Item #1: Discuss and draft a position paper for Tree Board.
 - Item #2: Discuss changing meeting time back to 5:15pm
- E) Upcoming Meeting:
 - November 21, 2025 - Town Hall Board Room @ 5:30 PM F) Adjournment
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As Adopted By:
Town of Paonia, Colorado
Resolution No. 2017-10 – Amended May 22, 2018

I. Rules of Procedure

Section 1. Schedule of Meetings. Regular Board of Trustees meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except on legal holidays, or as re-scheduled or amended and posted on the agenda prior to the scheduled meeting.

Section 2. Officiating Officer. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be conducted by the Mayor or, in the Mayor's absence, the Mayor Pro-Tem. The Town Clerk or a designee of the Board shall record the minutes of the meetings.

Section 3. Time of Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall begin at 6:30 p.m. or as scheduled and posted on the agenda. Board Members shall be called to order by the Mayor. The meetings shall open with the presiding officer leading the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk shall then proceed to call the roll, note the absences and announce whether a quorum is present. Regular Meetings are scheduled for three hours, and shall be adjourned at 9:30 p.m., unless a majority of the Board votes in the affirmative to extend the meeting, by a specific amount of time.

Section 4. Schedule of Business. If a quorum is present, the Board of Trustees shall proceed with the business before it, which shall be conducted in the following manner. Note that all provided times are estimated:

- (a) Roll Call - (5 minutes)
- (b) Approval of Agenda - (5 minutes)
- (c) Announcements (5 minutes)
- (d) Recognition of Visitors and Guests (10 minutes)
- (e) Consent Agenda including Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (10 minutes)
- (f) Mayor's Report (10 minutes)
- (g) Staff Reports: (15 minutes)
 - (1) Town Administrator's Report
 - (2) Public Works Reports
 - (3) Police Report
 - (4) Treasurer Report
- (h) Unfinished Business (45 minutes)
- (i) New Business (45 minutes)
- (j) Disbursements (15 minutes)
- (k) Committee Reports (15 minutes)
- (l) Adjournment

* This schedule of business is subject to change and amendment.

Section 5. Priority and Order of Business. Questions relative to the priority of business and order shall be decided by the Mayor without debate, subject in all cases to an appeal to the Board of Trustees.

Section 6. Conduct of Board Members. Town Board Members shall treat other Board Members and the public in a civil and polite manner and shall comply with the Standards of Conduct for Elected Officials of the Town. Board Members shall address Town Staff and the Mayor by his/her title, other Board Members by the title of Trustee or the appropriate honorific (i.e.: Mr., Mrs. or Ms.), and members of the public by the

appropriate honorific. Subject to the Mayor's discretion, Board Members shall be limited to speaking two times when debating an item on the agenda. Making a motion, asking a question or making a suggestion are not counted as speaking in a debate.

Section 7. Presentations to the Board. Items on the agenda presented by individuals, businesses or other organizations shall be given up to 5 minutes to make a presentation. On certain issues, presenters may be given more time, as determined by the Mayor and Town Staff. After the presentation, Trustees shall be given the opportunity to ask questions.

Section 8. Public Comment. After discussion of an agenda item by the Board of Trustees has concluded, the Mayor shall open the floor for comment from members of the public, who shall be allowed the opportunity to comment or ask questions on the agenda item. Each member of the public wishing to address the Town Board shall be recognized by the presiding officer before speaking. Members of the public shall speak from the podium, stating their name, the address of their residence and any group they are representing prior to making comment or asking a question. Comments shall be directed to the Mayor or presiding officer, not to an individual Trustee or Town employee. Comments or questions should be confined to the agenda item or issue(s) under discussion. The speaker should offer factual information and refrain from obscene language and personal attacks.

Section 9. Unacceptable Behavior. Disruptive behavior shall result in expulsion from the meeting.

Section 10. Posting of Rules of Procedure for Paonia Board of Trustees Meetings. These rules of procedure shall be provided in the Town Hall meeting room for each Board of Trustees meeting so that all attendees know how the meeting will be conducted.

II. Consent Agenda

Section 1. Use of Consent Agenda. The Mayor, working with Town Staff, shall place items on the Consent Agenda. By using a Consent Agenda, the Board has consented to the consideration of certain items as a group under one motion. Should a Consent Agenda be used at a meeting, an appropriate amount of discussion time will be allowed to review any item upon request.

Section 2. General Guidelines. Items for consent are those which usually do not require discussion or explanation prior to action by the Board, are non-controversial and/or similar in content, or are those items which have already been discussed or explained and do not require further discussion or explanation. Such agenda items may include ministerial tasks such as, but not limited to, approval of previous meeting minutes, approval of staff reports, addressing routine correspondence, approval of liquor licenses renewals and approval or extension of other Town licenses. Minor changes in the minutes such as non-material Scribner errors may be made without removing the minutes from the Consent Agenda. Should any Trustee feel there is a material error in the minutes, they should request the minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda for Board discussion.

Section 3. Removal of Item from Consent Agenda. One or more items may be removed from the Consent Agenda by a timely request of any Trustee. A request is timely if made prior to the vote on the Consent Agenda. The request does not require a second

or a vote by the Board. An item removed from the Consent Agenda will then be discussed and acted on separately either immediately following the consideration of the Consent Agenda or placed later on the agenda, at the discretion of the Board.

III. Executive Session

Section 1. An executive session may only be called at a regular or special Board meeting where official action may be taken by the Board, not at a work session of the Board. To convene an executive session, the Board shall announce to the public in the open meeting the topic to be discussed in the executive session, including specific citation to the statute authorizing the Board to meet in an executive session and identifying the particular matter to be discussed "in as much detail as possible without compromising the purpose for which the executive session is authorized." In the event the Board plans to discuss more than one of the authorized topics in the executive session, each should be announced, cited and described. Following the announcement of the intent to convene an executive session, a motion must then be made and seconded. In order to go into executive session, there must be the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of Members of the Board.

Section 2. During executive session, minutes or notes of the deliberations should not be taken. Since meeting minutes are subject to inspection under the Colorado Open Records Act, the keeping of minutes would defeat the private nature of executive session. In addition, the deliberations carried out during executive session should not be discussed outside of that session or with individuals not participating in the session. The contents of an executive session are to remain confidential unless a majority of the Trustees vote to disclose the contents of the executive session.

Section 3. Once the deliberations have taken place in executive session, the Board should reconvene in regular session to take any formal action decided upon during the executive session. If you have questions regarding the wording of the motion or whether any other information should be disclosed on the record, it is essential for you to consult with the Town Attorney on these matters.

IV. Subject to Amendment

Section 1. Deviations. The Board may deviate from the procedures set forth in this Resolution, if, in its sole discretion, such deviation is necessary under the circumstances.

Section 2. Amendment. The Board may amend these Rules of Procedures Policy from time to time.

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Tree Board Minutes

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Chair Hottinger calls the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Hottinger

Vice Chair Newland

Secretary Patterson

Board Liaison Heck

Board Member Haynie

Board Member Wells

Absent:

Board Member Short

Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Newland asks for the adding a topic of information for the presentation previously discussed for the Board of Trustees.

Chair Hottinger makes a motion to approve the agenda with the added topic. Seconded by Secretary Patterson.

The motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - August 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chair Hottinger makes a motion to approve the minutes from August 19, 2025. Seconded by Board Vice Chair Newland

The motion carries unanimously.

Actions & Presentations

Item #1: Stefen's Memorandum Discussion Parts 1, 2 and 3

The discussion focused on Town Administrator Wynn's memorandum outlining the Tree Board's advisory role. Members acknowledged ongoing communication challenges between the Board, Town staff, Public Works, and the Board of Trustees. They expressed concern that the Board's recommendations related to tree permitting, ordinance enforcement, and replacement procedures may not be fully integrated into Town decision-making processes.

No motion or action made.

Item #2: Relationship with Public Works

Members noted challenges in the relationship with Public Works following staff changes, including lapses in prior protocols and communication that have affected pruning practices and collaboration.

No motion or action made.

Item #3: Our Role.

Members discussed the Board's role and purpose, noting concerns about whether Town leadership seeks its advice and emphasizing the need for clarity on expectations.

- i. How does the town administration, Mayor, and Trustees value our public trees/urban forest?
- ii. What are the expectations for maintaining the Paonia urban forest?
- iii. Understanding we are advisory in nature (as outlined in the memorandum) what specifically does the Mayor and Trustees want from us?

No motion or action made.

Item #4: Discussion of creating a written overview, for the record: Future of Paonia Trees

Future of Paonia's urban forest discussed. Observations: overmature trees lacking diversity; risk of widespread canopy loss in 10–20 years; threats from reduced water availability, climate change, poor maintenance, and invasive pests (e.g., emerald ash borer). Board agreed on need for a written overview to communicate risks and strategies.

No motion or action made.

Item #5: Discussion About a Training Video for Public & Staff

Training for Public Works was discussed. Consensus that creating a new training video was unnecessary; instead, recommend identifying existing reputable pruning videos or hiring licensed arborists. They emphasized that training requires long-term expertise.

No motion or action made.

Item #6: Discussion about the 10-15 year planting and removing plan.

Discussion of 10–15 year planting and removal plan. Members agreed to review Kamie Long's report for guidance and to attempt collaboration with Public Works. Need for formalized plan remains, but clarity from Town administration is necessary.

Discussion Note: The Tree Board decided not to prepare a presentation to the Trustees.

Rationale: Effort required is not justified; past input has been ignored; communication from Town leadership is unclear; members prefer to wait for genuine interest. Outcome: No presentation will be pursued unless circumstances change.

No motion or action made.

Upcoming Meeting:

Tuesday Oct 21, 2025 - Town Hall Board Room 5:30 PM

Adjournment

Chair Hottinger adjourns the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Ruben Santiago, Deputy Town Clerk

Greg Hottinger, Chair

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