

**Town of Paonia**  
**214 Grand Avenue**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 2025 5:30 PM**  
**Tree Board Meeting Minutes**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Chair Hottinger calls the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

**Roll Call**

Present:

Chair Hottinger  
Board Member Short  
Board Member Wells  
Board Representative Heck

Absent:

Vice-Chair Newland  
Secretary Patterson



**Approval of Agenda**

Chair Hottinger makes a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Board Member Short.

The motion carries unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes**

- September 16, 2025, Tree Board Meeting Minutes

Chair Hottinger makes a motion to differ approval of the September 16, 2025, meeting minutes to the November Tree Board meeting. Seconded by Board Member Short.

The motion carries unanimously.

**Actions & Presentations**

No public comment

Item #1: Discuss and draft a position paper for Tree Board.

The Tree Board meeting focused on clarifying the town's priorities for maintaining and expanding Paonia's urban forest. The Tree Board members discussed the ongoing challenges of limited access to funding, lack of irrigation for new plantings, and uncertainty about the Board's role and authority. They agreed to develop a formal presentation for the Board of Trustees outlining the current state of the town's canopy, the importance of proactive tree management, and proposals for improving communication, planning, and community engagement.

While the discussion reflected frustration over slow progress, the Tree Board shared in the commitment to move forward collaboratively.

Item #2: Discuss changing meeting time back to 5:15pm

Chair Hottinger provided background on the reason why the meeting time was temporarily set for 5:30 PM instead of the regular time of 5:15 PM.

Chair Hottinger makes a motion to change the meeting time back to 5:15 PM. Seconded by Board Member Short.

The motion carries unanimously.

**Upcoming Meeting:**

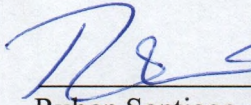
November 18, 2025 - Town Hall Board Room at 5:15 PM


**Adjournment**

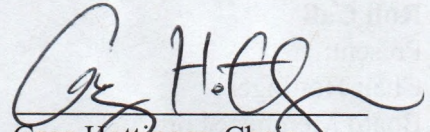
Chair Hottinger makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Board Member Shot.

The motion carries unanimously.

Chair Hottinger adjourns the meeting at 6:15 PM.

  
Ruben Santiago, Deputy Town Clerk



  
Greg Hottinger, Chair