

Tree Board Minutes
Tuesday November 19th, 2024, 4:30 pm
115 N 3rd Street

City Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Grant Afflerbaugh, Bill Covell, Darin DeHaan, Mark Herman, Cheryl Hilton, Caleb Jenks, Jordan Plock, and Quentin Snook.

Mark Herman called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

No public comment.

Bill Covell moved to approve the October 15th, 2024 minutes, Seconded by Mark Herman.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Updates of Fall Tree Planting & Educational Material for Spring: Bill Covell provided a list of locations where trees will be planted before the end of the year. The city has a significant amount of public property for tree plantings. The committee also discussed the tree replacement program and how to educate residents on the program. They discussed planting trees in higher visibility locations, using social media to promote tree plantings, and providing a placard or temporary sign at the location of the tree planting providing information about the program.

Review/Update Approved Tree List: Mark Herman gave a brief synopsis of how the original list was created. They discussed reaching out to Morton Arboretum for a list of trees they recommend. Quentin Snook said he could contact the regional forester to see what they recommend.

Approve 2025 Meeting Dates: The Tree Board is required to hold four meetings a year as a requirement for the Tree City USA designation. An Arbor Day event is also required.

Mark Herman moved to approve the meeting dates for 2025 as March 18th, May 20th, July 15th, and September 16th, 2025, Seconded by Bill Covell.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Other business: Darin DeHaan spoke about the Growth Award. He said part of the award is collaboration. He said the city could partner with the Oregon Park District for any upcoming tree plantings. Caleb Jenks stated the Oregon Park District will be holding an Earth Day event next year where someone from the Tree Board could provide educational materials.

Mark Herman moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm, Seconded by Jordan Plock.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk.