

Tree Board Minutes
Tuesday May 20th, 2025, 4:30 pm
115 N 3rd Street

City Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Grant Afflerbaugh, Bill Covell, Darin DeHaan, Mark Herman, Tyler Hagemann, Cheryl Hilton, Tom Pacey, Josh Pickering, Jordan Plock, and Terry Schuster.

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

No public comment.

Mark Herman moved to approve March 18th, 2025 minutes, Seconded by Jordan Plock.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Update on Tree Plantings: The public works department has finished the 1st round of tree plantings. About thirty trees have been planted and another twenty-five are planned to be planted this year. The recent storms have been hard on the recently planted trees. Tie down kits have been ordered to help with the leaning trees. The committee discussed the PH of the water being used to water the trees. They also discussed tree plantings on the highway. Bill is checking the regulations with IDOT. An Arbor Day event was held at the city dog park.

Update on Bird City: Caleb, Terry and Tom have been working on the Bird City designation. They organized a bird counting event and Caleb documented everything. A proclamation was made by the Mayor and a resolution passed by the City Council.

Forestry Plan: When the city applied for Tree City, Morton Arboretum asked for the city to create a forestry plan. The plan would create a strong future for the protection of trees. Grants can be applied for to help with costs. The city will need to look at larger tree planting opportunities. Darin said he would bring some examples of other forestry plan to the next meeting.

Other Business: Quentin Snook has decided not to join the Tree Board.

Bill Covell moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Mark Herman.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Future meeting dates for 2025: City Hall Conference Room at 4:30 pm. July 15th, and September 16th, 2025.

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk