

**Tree Board Minutes**  
**Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 4:30 pm**  
**115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

**City Hall Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Grant Afflerbaugh, Bill Covell, Darin DeHaan, Mark Herman, Cheryl Hilton, Caleb Jenks, Josh Pickering, and Jordan Plock.

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

No public comment.

Mark Herman moved to approve May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes, Seconded by Grant Afflerbaugh.

Motion carried. No Nays.

**Update on Bird City:** Caleb said a migratory bird day event was completed as part of the requirement to become a bird city. Caleb stated he can organize and provide supplies for the event next year. He asked the city to provide volunteers. Celeb and Terry Schuster are in the process of compiling information for the bird city application.

**Urban Tree Management Plan:** The committee discussed creating a tree management plan to help guide the city for future projects and planning. The committee discussed scaling down the plan provided by Morton Arboretum into a plan more suitable for a community of four thousand. The current plan is to replace trees in terraces when a tree stump is removed. Jordan stated sometimes terrace reconstruction and sidewalk repair are necessary after stump removal. They also discussed partnerships, public education, and tree inventory. Josh shared a potential tree management plan he has been working on. Josh's plan will be used as the starting point.

**New Business:** The committee talked about the Trees Forever grant. The city does not qualify for this grant but there are others the city could explore. Jordan said he contacted Hidden Timber Garden to get pricing for trees for the replacement program.

Mark Herman moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Jordan Plock.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

**Future meeting dates for 2025:** City Hall Conference Room September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk