



Our Mission: *To foster an environment of economic growth and opportunity through effective partnerships with our citizens, businesses, and visitors while maintaining a high standard for quality of life in a progressive community which embraces its heritage.*

**City of Oregon
Tree Board
Agenda**

Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 @ 5:30 pm.

**115 N 3rd Street
City Hall City Council Chambers**

Public Option to Join Meeting

Meeting ID: 868 9610 9461

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Public Comment

1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of September 16th, 2025
2. Arbor Day Event
3. Bird City Designation Update
4. 2nd Street Pollinator Project Update
5. Discuss Additional Member
6. Discuss moving Meeting Dates from Wednesdays – the next meeting is currently scheduled for May 19th, 2026
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

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Chairperson: Mark Herman
Darin DeHaan, City Manager (Ex-officio)
Jordan Plock, Street Foreman (Ex-officio)

Tyler Hagemann
Grant Afflerbaugh
Tom Pacey

Tree Board Minutes
Tuesday September 16th, 2025, 4:30 pm
115 N 3rd Street

City Hall Conference Room

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

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

No public comment.

Mark Herman moved to approve July 15th, 2025 minutes, Seconded by Bill Covell.

Motion carried. No Nays.

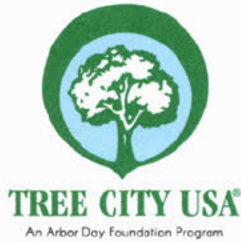
Forestry Plans: Planting, Maintenance, & Tree Removal: City Manager Darin DeHaan shared draft plans for planting, maintenance, and tree removal with the committee. They discussed changes to the plans that included creating guidelines for tree assessment, educational door hangers for residents, and quadrants for tree removal. Jordan Plock said homeowners need to know they can maintain and trim trees in the terrace. A two-page educational newsletter could be created and mailed out to all residents. Bill Covell stated requests from residents are documented. He is also working with GIS on map overlay for tree location. New watering bags will also be ordered. The bags are deteriorating and being damaged by lawn equipment. Jordan Plock suggested adding an info tag to the watering bag when a tree is planted. The public works department will be planting about twenty-five more trees this fall.

Discuss 2026 Meeting Dates: The committee discussed moving the date and time of the meetings to Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

Other business: Tyler Hagemann talked about collaborating with the Oregon Park District on tree plantings on River Road.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.



OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, *and*

WHEREAS this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, *and*

WHEREAS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, *and*

WHEREAS trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, *and*

WHEREAS trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, *and*

WHEREAS trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, *and*

WHEREAS trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Williams, Mayor of the City of Oregon, Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2026 as **ARBOR DAY** In the City of Oregon, Illinois, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, *and*

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED THIS 13th day of January, 2026

Mayor