



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, May 20th, 2026 @ 4:00 pm.**

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

Public Option to Join Meeting

Meeting ID: 883 6202 1417

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Public Comment

1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18th, 2026
2. Introductions
3. Review Arbor Day Event
4. Discuss Official City Tree
5. Discuss Ideas for cost sharing or discount pricing for approved tree removals or pruning using the cities contracted tree removal contractor
6. Discuss Guidelines for Bidding out Tree removal contract, pricing ideas, discount producing for right of way trees for homeowners
7. New Business
8. Adjournment
9. Next Meeting Date: July 22nd at 4 p.m.

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

**Tyler Hagemann
Grant Afflerbaugh
Steve Rypkema**

Tree Board Minutes
Wednesday March 18th, 2026
115 N 3rd Street

City Hall City Council Room

Attendees: Grant Afflerbaugh, Darin DeHaan, Tyler Hagemann, Mark Herman, Cheryl Hilton, Josh Pickering, and Jordan Plock.

Mark Herman called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

No public comment.

Jordan Plock moved to approve September 16th, 2025 minutes, Seconded by Grant Afflerbaugh.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Arbor Day Event: The committee discussed tree planting locations. Jordan Plock said there are several locations along the highway, but IDOT approval would be required. Josh Pickering said the welcome sign on the North end of town has room for a larger tree planting. The committee agreed to hold the Arbor Day tree planting on the North end of town by the city welcome sign on April 24th, weather permitting.

Bird City Designation: Tom Pacey and Terry Schuster have completed the application process. They continue to work on event planning.

2nd Street Pollinator Project Update: The Sustainability Committee has been working on creating a pollinator garden/prairie in front of the city dog park. The space is approximately 2.3 acres. There would be walking paths and educational signage incorporated into the space. The committee will also need to educate the residents in the area in the process of creating a pollinator garden/prairie. City Manager Darin DeHaan has applied for a grant from ComEd to help with the cost of seeds, signage, and mowing. He said the public works department would not be able to maintain the space and volunteers would be needed. Ken Kielsmeier and Austin Webb previously provided information to the Sustainability Committee. They may be a resource going forward with the project.

Additional Member: Caleb Jenks resigned from the Tree Board. The committee discussed finding a replacement member.

Meeting Dates/Time: Tree Board meetings will be held on Wednesday's at 4:00 p.m.

New Business: Tyler Hagemann asked what the process is for a resident who requested to have a tree planted as part of the tree replacement program. He said the tree is a Service Berry and is unhealthy. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the city should replace the unhealthy tree. He suggested planting the tree somewhere until it becomes healthier. He also provided an update on the city's Tree City USA designation. He said the application is at Morton Arboretum for review and approval. He was also asked to apply for the Growth Award. The city needs ten additional points for the Growth Award designation. He will scrutinize the categories for this year but feels it will be achievable next year. The committee also discussed the use of GIS to record location, type, and dates of tree plantings in the city right of ways.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.