Minutes

TREE BOARD

Regular meeting

9 a.m. Sept. 16, 2026

Board Meeting Room of Town Hall Annex, 105 E. Corbin St.

Present:	Chair Tim Logue, Matt Archibald, Tom Darling, Brian Mayell, Mixon Nelson
Absent:	Linda Paynter, Greg Yavelak
Staff:	Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood

1. **Call to order, roll call and confirmation of quorum**
   Chair Tim Logue called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

2. **Agenda changes and approval**

   Motion: Brian Mayell moved approval of the agenda. Tom Darling seconded.
   Vote: 5-0. Motion passed.

3. **Minutes review and approval**

   Motion: Brian Mayell moved approval of Aug. 19, 2026, minutes. Matt Archibald seconded.
   Vote: 5-0. Motion passed.

4. **Discussion items**
   A. Volunteer Recruitment Request for Bellevue Branch Restoration Invasive Species Removal

   Heather Fisher, Stormwater Program Coordinator, explained there will be an October 3, 2026, workday at Odie Street from 9am-12pm with stormwater staff, Diana Montgomery, and Pascal Mittendorf as well as UNC students and habitat volunteers. Heather asked if any Tree Board members could attend to lead volunteer groups. Tim Logue, Brian Mayell, and Mixon Nelson volunteered. Stacey agreed to post it to Garden Club list serves.

   B. Turnip Patch Park: Lorapetulum update

   Motion: Mixon Nelson moved to prune out dead wood and let the lorapetulum recover from the growth at base at Turnip Patch Park. Brian Mayell seconded.
   Vote: 5-0. Motion passed.

   C. FY27 Planting Priorities

Tree Board members discussed Murray Street Park, Cates Creek Park, areas near the Calvin Street bridge, and the roundabout on Cates Creek Parkway as potential planting areas for FY27. Members agreed to continue the item to the October meeting.

D. Unified Development Ordinance-Recommended Plant List

Durham's updated list will be available in the next few weeks. Raleigh's list will be shared with the group via email and discussed in October. Members agreed to continue the item to the October meeting

5. Updates

A. Invasive Removal Team

Brian Mayell and Tim Logue have focused recently on 4 major knotweed stands. Volunteers are pulling stilt grass. Staff will send out a reminder about reporting knotweed in a press release.

No action taken

B. Garden Club

Stacey said she will soon be meeting with Sarah Meadows to learn about Pollinator Week activities and how to support Sarah's work. Stacey said she's happy to post information from Tree Board in Garden Club newsletters to enhance coordination.

C. Staff Updates

Staff reported that Tom Darling agreed to serve second term and the pruning workshop is schedule for 9 am in Murray Street Park on Friday, Oct. 2.

6. Adjournment

Tim Logue adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Trueblood
Public Space and Sustainability Manager
Staff support to the Tree Board

Approved: October 21, 2026