

# Minutes

## TREE BOARD

Regular meeting

9 a.m. Jan. 15, 2025

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



Present: Chair Linda Paynter, Tom Darling, Tim Logue, Mixon Nelson and Greg Yavelak

Absent: Brian Mayell

Staff: Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood

### 1. Call to order, roll call and confirmation of quorum

Chair Linda Paynter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

### 2. Agenda changes and approval

Trueblood asked to add items to the agenda as items 4.D and 4.E including election of officers and adoption of the 2025 meeting schedule.

Motion: Member Tim Logue moved approval the agenda as amended. Member Tom Darling seconded.  
Vote: 5-0

### 3. Minutes review and approval

Minutes from regular meeting on Oct. 16, 2024

Motion: Member Mixon Nelson moved approval of the Oct. 16, 2024, minutes as submitted. Member Linda Paynter seconded.  
Vote: 5-0

### 4. Discussion items

#### A. Discuss 2025 Annual Plan

Trueblood reviewed the annual plan which lays out Tree Board projects and initiatives for the coming year. Board members suggested working on an interpretive sign for Riverwalk covering topics related to invasive species and native plants and trees. Board members gave consent for the annual plan.

#### B. Discuss 2025 Bee City Initiatives

Trueblood reviewed the 2025 Bee City initiatives which lays out Bee City projects and initiatives for the coming year. Board members suggested adding information about honeybees and native pollinators to the No Mow March press materials. Board members gave consent for the annual plan.

#### C. FY25 Budget Update

Trueblood reviewed the remaining planting and tree removal budget for FY25. Board members suggested planting ferns along Riverwalk, replacing any missing tree I.D. signs, and adding tree plantings in the Town Cemetery if budget allows. Board members agreed to visit the cemetery to identify possible locations for plantings.

**D. Annual Election of Officers**

Motion: Member Linda Paynter moved to nominate Tim Logue to serve as Chair of Tree Board. Member Mixon Nelson seconded.

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Member Linda Paynter moved to nominate Tom Darling to serve as Vice Chair of Tree Board. Member Tim Logue seconded.

Vote: 5-0

**E. 2025 Tree Board Meeting Schedule**

Motion: Member Tim Logue moved to adopt the 2025 Tree Board meeting schedule. Member Linda Paynter seconded.

Vote: 5-0

**5. Updates**

**A. Garden Club**

Trueblood shared club events as submitted by Garden Club president Tammy Dorman.

**B. Invasive Removal Team**

Member Tim Logue shared that the team is now working in Gold Park and will continue to plant bare root plants along Riverwalk in riparian restoration areas.

**C. Staff**

Trueblood reported:

- She is working on a native plant policy for town properties that is based on the policy adopted by the state
- Tree Board brochures are printed and available for outreach events
- The Arbor Day tour of riparian restoration areas on Riverwalk that was cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled for Creek Week and led by Tim Logue and Brian Mayell.

**6. Adjournment**

Tom Darling (Acting Chair) adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Approved: Feb. 19, 2025