

Minutes

TREE BOARD

Regular meeting

9 a.m. May 21, 2025

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



Present: Chair Tim Logue, Vice Chair Thomas Darling, Brian Mayell, Mixon Nelson, Matt Archibald, Linda Paynter, and Gregory 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 9:03 a.m. Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

2. Agenda changes and approval

Logue added discussion Item 5E, Pollinator garden at Cates Creek Park maintenance. There were no other changes to the agenda.

3. Minutes review and approval

Minutes from regular meeting on April 16, 2025.

Logue corrected the following from regular meeting minutes on April 16, 2025:

- Item 5A, the vote was 4-0.
- Item 5C, Logue volunteered with member Tom Darling, not member Greg Yavelak.

Motion: Darling moved approval of the April 16, 2025, minutes with changes. Yavelak seconded.

Vote: 7-0. Motion passed.

4. Discussion items

A. Discuss Treasure Tree selection from 2025

The board discussed tree candidates for the 2025 Treasure Tree. Among the candidates were a Black Walnut, White oak, and Easter red cedar. The board will continue discussion at the June, 2025, meeting after members have visited the candidate trees.

B. Review National Pollinator Week activities from Garden Club member Sarah Meadows

Trueblood relayed information from Meadows. Pollinator Week will be June 16-22, 2025.

5. Updates

A. Invasive Removal Team

Logue reported the May 4, 2025, guest speaker walk was successful. The team is focusing on Japanese Knotweed.

B. Prohibited/Recommended Plant List

Member Brian Mayell will consult with the Invasive Plant Council to ensure no new species have been added to their prohibited plant list. Then, the list can be shared with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) rewrite consultants.

C. Garden Club

Trueblood stated there were no new reports. The Garden Club tour was successful.

D. Staff

- The West King Street willow oak was pruned and given root fertilizing treatment.
- The town has replanted planters around town.
- Logue will provide a script and visuals to the communications team for a video on Japanese knotweed.
- Invasives and riparian restoration for fall video ideas were discussed. The board discussed public awareness of Japanese versus American beauty berry plants.

E. Cates Creek Park Pollinator Garden maintenance

Trueblood reported, a high school intern has been weeding the pollinator garden. Logue and Mayell suggested other species to remove.

Member Linda Paynter left at 10:32 a.m.

Motion: Mayell motioned to remove two hackberry trees in the Cates Creek Park rain garden. Darling seconded.

Vote: 6-0. Motion passed.

6. Adjournment

Logue adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Approved: June 18, 2025