

1 **City of Lake Forest Park – Tree Board Meeting**
2 **Meeting Minutes: September 2nd, 2026; 7:00-9:00pm**
3 **Hybrid Meeting Held in the Emergency Operations Center at City Hall and via Zoom**
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5 **Tree Board Members present:** Stacey Spain, Mark Phillips, Ross Baarslag-Benson, Richard
6 Saunders, Doug Sprugel, Kyle Gati, Minda Martin (via Zoom).
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8 **Tree Board Members absent:** Victoria Kutasz
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10 **Staff and others present:** Larry Goldman, LFP Councilmember; Christi Bishop, Urban Forest
11 Planner
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13 **Call to order:** 7:00 p.m.
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15 **Short Reflection:** Board Member Phillips shared two short quotes. One by Ralph Waldo Emerson
16 and one Welsh proverb. Both quotes were about seed fruit.
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18 **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Board Member Phillips moved to approve the agenda; Board
19 Member Baarslag-Benson seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
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21 **Approval of Minutes:**

22 **July 8th, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

23 Board Member Sprugel moved to approve the minutes; Board Member Baarslag-Benson seconded.
24 The minutes were approved unanimously.
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26 **Reports and Announcements:**

27 Cmr. Goldman announced that the Mayor will be presenting the budget to City Council in coming
28 weeks. He also mentioned Metro/Sound Transit to be changing lines for fall services.
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30 **Old Business:**

31 Tree Giveaway

32 Tree giveaway to be held at the water district on October 10th at 10am-1pm. Trees to be delivered on
33 site on the 9th.
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35 Ms. Bishop agreed to check into posting tree giveaway announcement on City socials and events list.
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37 Outreach Check-In

38 Board Member Spain mentioned Family Day at the Farmers Market was well organized and an
39 overall success. Farmers Market organizers were surprised to see Tree Board at the event and
40 confirming attendance could be better communicated in the future.
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42 Handouts for tabling events need a re-fresh/re-stock.
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44 Board Members discussed September 12th tabling staffing.
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46 Updates on Articles

47 Board Member Sprugel is interested in writing an article about canopy growth possibly in the future.
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1 **New Business:**

2 Tree code help topics Q&A

3 Not discussed at this meeting and to be added to new business for October's meeting.

5 City general tree list and code updates

6 Reviewed previously created general tree list and updates to exceptional tree thresholds. Mostly
7 ready to go, but Ms. Bishop will discuss with Mr. Hofman next steps needed to publish updates.

9 October 25th climate hub tabling event

10 Board Member Baarslag-Benson and Phillips volunteered for event held at the Commons from 4-
11 6pm.

13 **Next meeting:** The next meeting occurs on October 7th, 2026.

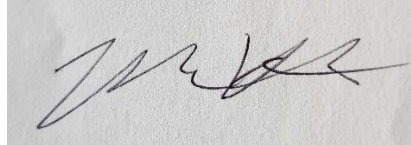
15 **Agenda for Next Meeting:**

16 October 7th, 2026 new business items will include tree code help topics Q&A and discussion of
17 changing tree permit fees.

19 **Adjournment:** Board Member Ross Baarslag-Benson motioned to end the meeting and Board
20 Member Phillips seconded.

22 Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

24 APPROVED:

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Victoria Kutasz, Chair