

1 **City of Lake Forest Park – Tree Board Meeting**  
2 **Meeting Minutes: January 7th, 2026; 7:00-9:00pm**  
3 **Hybrid Meeting Held in the Forest Room at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom**  
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5 **Tree Board Members present:** Richard Olmstead, Richard Saunders, Victoria Kutasz, Doug  
6 Sprugel, Mark Phillips and Stacey Spain  
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8 **Staff and others present:** Larry Goldman, LFP City Council; Sam Kull virtually, Urban Forest  
9 Planner, Mark Hofman virtually, Community Development Director and Elizabeth Talavera,  
10 Associate Planner  
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12 **Members of the Public present:** Kyle Gati  
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14 **Tree Board Members absent:** No members were absent.  
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16 **Call to order:** 7:00 PM  
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18 **Short Reflection:** Mark Phillips shared a reflection on Monkey Puzzles trees and their origin from  
19 the world's fair.  
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21 **Introduction:** The Tree Board members introduced themselves. Mr. Gati introduced himself as a  
22 guest who will be accepted into the tree board shortly.  
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24 **Approval of Meeting Agenda:**  
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26 **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Kull stated the minutes from the last board meeting on Dec.3<sup>rd</sup> were not  
27 completed due to the holidays and sickness.  
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29 **Public Comment:** No public comments from Mr. Gati.  
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31 **Next meeting:** The next meeting occurs on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
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33 **Reports and Announcements:**

34 Councilmember Goldman Update

35 Councilmember Goldman stated they would investigate the status of Tree Board applicants who  
36 have not received follow-up after submitting applications, including coordination with the City  
37 Clerk's office.  
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39 City Staff Update

40 Mr. Hofman informed us of the climate conversation flyer. Councilman Goldman informed the  
41 board of the two new councilmembers and the new tree board members.  
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43 **Old Business:**

44 Finalize 2026 Work Plan

45 The tree board discussed and edited the 2026 work plan. Identifying leads for the remaining tasks  
46 and new tree board members.  
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48 Review Draft 2025 Annual Report

1 The tree board reviewed the annual report and identified a few grammatical errors to fix on the  
2 report.

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4 Arbor Day and Green Fair Planning

5 The Tree Board discussed Arbor Day planning in coordination with the Green Fair, including a  
6 proposed tree walk on April 25th or April 27th. Potential locations include Blue Heron Park or  
7 Lyons Creek Park. The Board discussed offering free seedlings, coordinating tree plantings, and  
8 partnering with the Parks Board to support event planning and implementation.

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10 New Member Update

11 Mr. Hofman reviewed the process for incoming Tree Board members. Incoming members will be  
12 appointed as full members rather than alternates.

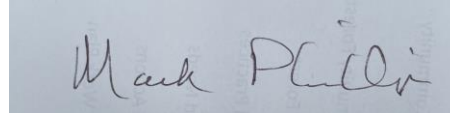
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14 **New Business:**

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16 **Agenda for Next Meeting:** The Board will vote on the Chair and Vice Chair. They will discuss tree  
17 walk locations and new board members will go over the 2026 work plan.

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19 **Adjournment:** Board member Olmstead motioned to end the meeting and board member Sprugel  
20 seconded.

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22 Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM  
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28 Mark Phillips, Chair  
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