



TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 04, 2026 at 8:00 AM
1260 North Road, Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Mauston Tree Board met on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at the Public Works Building on North Road. Chair Laura Taake called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. Members present were Laura Taake, Maynard Miller, Beth Babcock, and Rob Nelson. Also present was Parks Superintendent Jordan Wilke.
2. **Minutes:** Motion by Miller, seconded by Babcock, to approve the May 12, 2026, minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. **Staff Report**
 - a. Urban Forest Report: Wilke reported that he continues to enter data into the Urban Forest Report. Board members were provided with a link to the current report.
4. **Tree City USA Points**
 - a. Tree Debris Recycling: Nelson informed the Board that MAXX Solutions continues to work with the City on its Tree Debris Recycling Program.
 - b. Youth Education and Connection: Babcock, Mauston High School Agriculture Instructor, will continue to work with Wilke on tree-related curriculum and educational opportunities.
5. **Condition of Newly Planted Trees:** Nelson reported that the trees planted in spring 2026 are thriving despite drought conditions, with watering bags being used to support the newly planted trees.
6. **Areas for New Tree Plantings:** Taake reminded Board members to identify areas within the City that could benefit from additional tree plantings.
7. **Tree Removal and Trimming:** Nelson reported that tree removal, trimming, chipping, and mulching activities will increase during the fall as grounds maintenance slows.
8. **Fall Plantings:** Nelson reported that Wilke is researching the cost and number of trees needed for fall plantings.
9. **Arbor Day 2027:** Babcock will work with Wilke in Spring 2027 to coordinate the date, time, and activities for Arbor Day 2027. Arbor Day is Friday, April 30, 2027, and Earth Day is Thursday, April 22, 2027.
10. **Adjourn:** Motion by Babcock, seconded by Miller, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Chair

Date