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MINUTES OF THE TREE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 AT 5:00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 450 S. MAIN STREET, RICHLAND CENTER, WI 53581

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order at 5:10 PM. Members present: Cairns, Fruit, Downs, Hallett, McCarthy. Also present: City Forester, Tess Barr-Hamblin. A quorum is present. Meeting has been properly noticed.

CITY FORESTER UPDATE

Hazard tree at 236 S Sheldon that was discussed at prior meeting cut by Climbing Bee. Expense to be billed to homeowner. Utilities and Streets assisted in cutting a hazardous boulevard tree as well as assisting with limbing. Tree will be taken down at Masonic Lodge on Jefferson and Union prior to event at the end of August.

Tree Planting Update

13 trees were ordered and planted. Redbuds were not good this year so were refunded, and an alternative will need to be found. Rain has assisted with watering. Planted Crabapples, Lindon, Lilac and Elm. Two homeowners submitted permit to plant their own boulevard trees. Locations and species were approved.

Training Update

Barr-Hamblin was accepted to CTMI Forester program through DNR for Urban Foresters. It has already been approved through training budget.

Tree Cutter Licenses

Tree Cutter Licenses have been approved and list is on website with links to business websites. One came in late and is going through approval process.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS Fruit asked if the tree at the Ocooch Living History trail could be trimmed this time of year. Barr-Hamblin stated that there weren't major concerns with pruning Birches in the summer.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE Next meeting set for October 22, 2025 at 5:15 PM

ADJOURNMENT Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 PM

Posted this 22 day of July, 2025 by 4:30 PM.

Copy to the official newspaper the Richland Observer.

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