



Oak Ridge Tree Committee

Meeting Minutes February 6 2025

Tree Board Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allison Corado
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Browning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Austin Goldman, Co-chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roy Nydorf, Co-chair
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Town Council Members Present:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Greeson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Harton
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Kinneman, Mayor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ann Schneider
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Stone, Mayor Pro Tem

Town Staff Members Present:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sam Anders, Finance Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Bruce, Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brock Dunigan, Park Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandra Smith, Asst. Manager & Clerk
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sean Taylor, Planner

Other:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Austin Goldman called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to accept the agenda
seconded

Vote: unanimous

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve minutes of January 9, 2025
Seconded

Vote: unanimous

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. A. Chair/Vice Chair election
 - a. Motion and vote to maintain for the 24/25 year the same Co-chairs as previous year (Roy and Austin) – Motion passed
 - b. Request for Genevieve to send out notices across social media for interest in additional members.
- b. Budget Request:
 - a. Previous budget for Tree Com - \$2,500
 - b. How much is remaining, who has access to the accounting? Brock to research
 - c. Tree City requirement of tree planted for Arbor Day Observance (by end of 2025), must have ceremony and picture to submit. Tree cost to come from Parks budget, any plaque or ceremony cost to come from Tree budget. Must have photographer.
 - d. Most of budget to be taken up by photographers and framing of tree photos.
 - e. Any plans to take part in Heritage Day this year?
 - f. Allison Corado requested the board sponsor a Christmas tree recycling event next year.
- c. Treasure Tree nomination (update)
 - a. Roy to update or send around the database.

- b. Permission granted to measure Hickory and Red Cedar near Nydorf property. Committee to meet at his home Thursday 2.20.25 at 10am to take the measurement of the 2 or more trees.
- c. Photos of any undocumented trees to happen in June.
- d. Discussed using town stationery to request permission from additional property owners to take future measurements for database.
- d. Tree root barrier/cost
 - a. Discussed the river birch root damage to asphalt in OR Park. Board agreed to the removal of asphalt, shaving of tree roots and replacement of asphalt as this is the most cost effective etc.
 - b. Request made to trench along a section of asphalt that is undamaged to slice through that trees roots as test for impact.
 - c. Board will monitor the trench tested trees going forward
- e. Arbor Day
 - a. Board discussed species of tree to be planted. American Chestnut was suggested. Austin to research availability.
 - b. Board discussed placement of plaque at new tree to have the year and species information.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. A. Discussion of possible removal for water tower construction
 - a. Still waiting on costs to determine placement of access road
- b. Treasure Tree nominations
 - a. see above for update
- c. Proposed Transco pipeline expansion – are there any trees in/near the pipeline expansion that may need out attention/ protection
 - a. Board discussed that no treasure trees or town trees are in jeopardy to our knowledge

Next meeting: Thursday March 6, 2025 at 10:00 am.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:17am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Allison Corado

Brock Dunigan, Parks Superintendent