



Franklin Parks & Recreation

**Tree Advisory Committee**  
Franklin City Hall, Council Chambers  
**Thursday, June 19, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

Tree Advisory Committee present: Richard Wertz, Joanne Cummings, Dana Marietta, Kathy Thomas, Ryne Brutus

Tree Advisory Committee absent: Lindsey Purcell, Meg Jones

City Arborist absent: Jim Farr, Jason Wilson

Staff present: Chip Orner – Director, Brooke Willis – Business Services Director

1. **Call to Order**  
Meeting called to order by Richard Wertz @ 5:01pm.
2. **Announcements & Presentations**  
None
3. **Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2025 meeting**  
Motion made by Joanne Cummings and seconded by Kathy Thomas to approve the minutes. The Board unanimously approved.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. Review & Approval of City Tree Ordinance recommendations & Tree Care Manual  
Jason Wilson advised the Board to approve the Tree Care Manual as it is. Moving forward, Jason Wilson will get with the Street Commissioner and Director of Planning to see if they have any changes for the manual. If so, those changes will be made. At the next scheduled meeting, the Board will review and vote. The next step would be to take the manual to the Board of Works and City Council. The City Tree Ordinance may need to be adjusted according to what the Street Commissioner and Director of Planning what to do. Motion made by Kathy Thomas and seconded by Ryne Brutus to approve the City Tree Ordinance & Tree Care Manual recommendations. The Board unanimously approved.
5. **New Business**  
None
6. **Reports**
  - a. City Arborist – Jason Wilson, City Arborist  
There was minimal damage from the storm. A tree went down in the Cemetery. Nothing major to report.
7. **Public Comments**  
None
8. **Advisory Committee Comments**  
The next meeting is scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>. The ribbon cutting for the new Active Adult Center is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> @ 11:00am.
9. **Adjournment**  
Richard Wertz adjourned the meeting.

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