



Franklin Parks & Recreation

Tree Advisory Committee
Franklin City Hall, Council Chambers
Thursday, October 16, 2025
5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Tree Advisory Committee present: Richard Wertz, Joanne Cummings, Dana Marietta, Kathy Thomas, Meg Jones

Tree Advisory Committee absent: Lindsey Purcell, Ryne Brutus

City Arborist absent: Jason Wilson

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

1. **Call to Order**
Meeting called to order by Richard Wertz @ 5:00pm.
2. **Announcements & Presentations**
None
3. **Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2025 meeting**
Motion made by Kathy Thomas and seconded by Joanne Cummings to approve the minutes. The Board unanimously approved.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Update on City Tree Ordinance recommendations & Tree Care Manual
The recommendations need to go to Brett Jones and the Street department. It will need to be put on the agenda to be approved.
5. **New Business**
 - a. Set 2026 meeting dates
2026 meeting dates were handed out to the Board members. The Board voted to keep the meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of the month @ 5:00pm.
6. **Reports**
 - a. City Arborist – Jason Wilson, City Arborist
Jason Wilson is currently on Fall Break. No report this month.
7. **Public Comments**
None
8. **Advisory Committee Comments**
The Board was asked to email Jason Wilson with their Tree City USA hours.
9. **Adjournment**
Richard Wertz adjourned the meeting.

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