



## MINUTES

### Tree Board Meeting

May 26, 2026

7:00 pm

2395 12 Mile Rd. Berkley, MI 48072

#### **Present:**

T. Losey (Chair)

L. Fritsch (Vice Chair)

S. Bard (Secretary)

F. Foen

D. Hennen (Council Liaison)

A. Wozniak (Staff Liaison)

#### **Absent (Excused):**

E. Fogle

#### **Absent (Unexcused):**

B. Lathrop

#### **Additional Attendees:**

None

- I. Call to order/Roll Call
- II. Approval of prior April Meeting Minutes/Today's Agenda
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Old Business – Arbor Day 2026 funding, MiDNR Letter of Support
- V. DPW Update – A. Wozniak
- VI. New Business – Discussion of street tree ordinance, Outreach Events, Board Vacancies, Tracking Volunteer Hours, New Invasive Tree Ban
- VII. Council Liaison update – D. Hennen
- VIII. Adjournment

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

#### **Approval of prior Minutes**

Motion Maker: L. Fritsch

Second: F. Foen

Motion: Approved

#### **Approval of today's Agenda:**

Motion Maker: S. Bard

Second: L. Fritsch

Motion: Approved

There were no public comments.

### **Old Business**

**Arbor Day Funding 2026** - Final cost of Arbor Day was established and funding commitments were made amongst the attendees.

**MiDNR Letter of Support** - The final list of recipients and focus points of the letter were discussed. The letter will be sent in the near future.

### **DPW Update**

A. Wozniak confirmed that the application for the DNR Community Grant has been submitted.

He also informed the Board that the GIS Inventory project is in the bidding process and is seeking quotes.

In addition, he mentioned there were issues (health of planted trees) reported by residents with the fall street tree planting, mostly thought to be weather related but has led to holding off on spring plantings until causes were identified and resolved. Members also will report issues with fall planting tree health to DPW for follow up.

### **New Business**

**Street Tree Ordinance** – Improvements to the Tree Ordinance continue to be sought; reference to the current ordinance and education of proper practices is presently the main focus.

**Public Outreach Events** – The Board discussed events for their public outreach efforts. At this point, the events the Board is considering include Arbor Day (occurred), Touch-A-Truck, a Library engagement/educational event, and the Holiday Lights Parade. Other events may also be considered.

**Board Vacancies** – It was noted that 2 applications have been received for the Board vacancies.

**Tracking Volunteer Hours** - T. Losey mentioned that she has begun tracking volunteer hours for efforts related to Tree Board activities. These hours can potentially be useful in receiving grants and grant matching funds.

**Invasive Tree Ban** - T. Losey informed that a new Invasive Tree Ban list has been approved by the State of Michigan and is effective beginning in 2028.

### **Council Liaison Update**

D. Hennen requested input on questions for Tree Board candidates during the interview process. A brief discussion followed.

### **Adjournment**

Motion Maker: L. Fritsch  
Second: F. Foen  
Motion: Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Minutes prepared by S. Bard (Secretary) May 28, 2026.