



MINUTES

Tree Board Meeting

April 27, 2026

7:00 pm

2395 12 Mile Rd. Berkley, MI 48072

Present:

T. Losey (Chair)

E. Fogle

L. Fritsch (Vice Chair)

B. Lathrop

S. Bard (Secretary)

D. Hennen (Council Liaison)

F. Foen

Absent (Excused):

A. Wozniak (Staff Liaison)

Additional Attendees:

V. Mitchell (City Clerk)

R. Patterson (Deputy City Clerk)

Present only through Review of Board policies and procedures.

- I. Call to order/Roll Call
- II. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes/Today's Agenda
- III. Public Comments
- IV. City clerk review of Board policies and procedures
- V. Old Business – Arbor 2026, MIDNR Letter of Support
- VI. DPW Update – A. Wozniak
- VII. New Business – Discussion of street tree ordinance
- VIII. Council Liaison update – D. Hennen
- IX. Adjournment

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Approval of prior Minutes

Motion Maker: S.Bard

Second: L. Fritsch

Motion: Approved

Approval of today's Agenda:

Motion Maker: S.Bard

Second: E. Fogle

Motion: Approved

There were no public comments.

City Clerk Review

V. Mitchell and R. Patterson from the City Clerk's office provided a review of Board policies and procedures.

Old Business

The Board briefly reviewed the Arbor Day Event held on 4-25-2026 at the library. Suggestions for next year focused on the total number of trees for the giveaway (fewer large trees and more smaller trees), the location of the tree giveaway and possibly partnering with neighboring cities.

The letter of support for the MiDNR was provided to the Board members for review prior to the March meeting and F. Foen informed the Board that it will be sent in the near future.

DPW Update

T. Losey conveyed the update provided by A. Wozniak which is stated below. DPW is:

1. Working with Lawrence (DNR) on obtaining more quotes to have our city trees put into our GIS and inventoried.
2. Working with Lawrence (DNR) to complete the Urban/Community forestry grant application, which is due May 18th. Hoping that his knowledge and background will help us secure this grant. I'm going to push the GIS for the grant. Lawrence said this would be a sought after project.
3. Still working with Marine City to finish up the trees that were not planted in the Fall due to the early winter. Sounds like this is a common issue in other communities. I don't have a time frame for the rest of the library trees just yet. I will reach out again this week.
4. Planning to chat with Community Development when they get back from their conference regarding the ordinance issues and the lack of tree protection on job sites.

New Business

Street Tree Ordinance

A Wozniak to reach out to Community Development to review and update ordinance and submit a Tree Protection Plan. A. Wozniak to update the Board at the next meeting.

Council Liaison Update

D. Hennen will reach out to A. Wozniak to check if DPW samples/test checks tree plantings for proper planting procedures and locations (including tree selection suitability for particular location) by Marine City. The Board suggested sending recipients of street trees periodic/annual tree care reminders. The Board suggested reviewing the available tree list annually with Marine City annually.

Adjournment:

Motion Maker: L. Fritsch
Second: E. Fogle
Motion: Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 26. 2026 7:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by S. Bard (Secretary) April 29. 2026.