

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA TREE BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 - 4:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; CONFERENCE ROOM 2A (UPPER LEVEL)

Members: President - Candy Kirchberg; Members - Alexander Leonard, Sonya Dailey, Dennis Loeser, Alderperson Sherri Ames

Call to Order 4:05 pm

Roll Call:

Present: President - Candy Kirchberg; Members - Sonya Dailey, Dennis Loeser, Alderperson Sherri Ames.
Absent: Alexander Leonard, Todd Krause. Others in attendance: David Winger, Morgan Sheppard, Blake Salek.

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda.

No public comment

Approval of the minutes from August 12, 2025. Motion by Sonya Dailey second by Dennis Loeser to approve. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.

Review of City Ordinances pertaining to the Tree Board *(continued from August meeting)*

Discussion on how the City Ordinance pertaining to the Tree Board needs some reworking. There is some confusion about what needs to be reported to the various city boards and supervisors. Jon and David will work together to come up with new wording and work with the City Attorney, City Administrator, and other necessary stakeholders to find a solution to some of the ambiguity of the ordinance.

Arborist Report: Jon Foster

Jon noted that since he started 20 years ago the city had 85% of its tree population as maple trees. Now that percentage has dropped to ~35%. This improves resilience in the tree population and gets Lake Geneva closer to the 10% desired amount of any one species of tree.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the approval of Tree Plantings to be forwarded to the Board of Park Commissioners.

There will be 73 trees planted in the coming months that are already ordered. The list is being sent to the Park Board to keep them updated with the recommendation that the list be then sent to Council.

Motion: Candy Kirchberg | Second: Sonya Dailey | Discussion: Reiteration of the need for ordinance clarity.

Vote: Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.

Discussion/Review regarding Shodeen Development Tree Replacement.

Jon updated the board with the difficulties the arborist team has been having with Shodeen's landscape team with improper plantings. DPW has discussed options to hold them accountable.

Discussion/Review regarding the Museum Christmas Tree walk.

Discussed start dates and what programming is available.

Adjournment: 4:36 pm

Motion: Sonya Dailey | Second: Candy Kirchberg | Vote: Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.

Minutes by David Winger, Parks Director.