

Tree Commission Minutes, September 8, 2025
City Hall, Galesburg, Illinois

Meeting was called to order by Ann Pennington at 4:00 pm

Roll Call: Present: Ann Pennington, Pat Trant, Jane Easterly, Dan Thompson, Arborist Brandon Phillips, and Parks and Recreation Director Don Miles

Absent: Bill Sime

Minutes: Minutes from the July meeting were approved by a motion from Jane Easterly with a second by Pat Trant.

Forestry Report:

The Forestry Report was presented by Arborist Brandon Phillips. Several comments were made about how busy the Forestry Division has been the past month. It was also suggested to separate the trims into two sections, one for terrace trees and one for park trees. Staff will make the change starting in the new year.

Old Business:

Director Miles gave an update on the plan to revitalize Standish Arboretum. Consultants are suggesting the removal of approximately a dozen compromised trees along with raising the canopy of the remaining trees. Replacement trees could be considered, but it will depend on the final design of the area before this is confirmed.

Ann Pennington passed out information that Bill Sime and herself had worked on to have as information at next week's Gateway 2 Community Fair held at Knox College. This information will be setup alongside the Parks and Recreation information table.

New Business:

None.

Citizen Comments:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Miles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Don Miles, Parks and Recreation Director