

Tree Commission Minutes, February 9, 2026
City Hall, Galesburg, Illinois

Call to Order: Ann Pennington called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call: Ann Pennington, Jane Easterly, Pat Trant, Bill Sime, Arborist Brandon Phillips, and Parks and Recreation Director Don Miles

Absent: Dan Thompson

Minutes:

Minutes from the January meeting were approved by a motion from Jane Easterly with a second by Bill Sime.

Forestry Report:

The Forestry Report was presented by Arborist Brandon Phillips.

Old Business:

An update was presented for the tree work that was completed at Standish. Staff removed thirty-three trees, eleven shrubs, forty-nine stumps, and trimmed thirty-seven trees. As work was being performed all trees were assessed from the bucket. Several trees that were slated to be removed were found to not have issues, but several other trees were found that had issues. This process will improve the overall health of the remaining trees. Once warmer temperatures arrive, all stump holes and bare areas will be filled with dirt and seeded.

The memorial tree for Dick Ralston was still alive and doing well.

The Lombard Middle School principal has been contacted about hosting this year's Arbor Day tree planting, but confirmation has not been finalized. Tom Simkins has not planted any trees at Lombard, but it has been discussed.

New Business:

Bill Sime asked if the old tree maps be removed until the new tree inventory is updated.

Citizen Comments:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 P.M.

Next meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. Monday March 9, 2026.



Don Miles, Parks and Recreation Director