

Tree Commission Minutes, March 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, Dan Thompson, Arborist Brandon Phillips, and Parks and Recreation Director Don Miles

Absent: Bill Sime

Minutes:

Minutes from the February 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. Brandon also reported that all the stumps have been ground at Standish and are waiting to be landscaped. The Oversized Brush Drop Off Site at Pickard Road will be opening on Friday March 20th. The site will be open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm through November 15th except for Easter Sunday and Saturday the Fourth of July.

Old Business:

The old tree maps have been removed from the stands at Standish.

The Arbor Day planting at Lombard has been confirmed with district staff. The details are still to be determined, but the information will be available at next month's meeting.

New Business:

Jane mentioned that a possible event in September may be an opportunity to have an information booth.

Jane inquired about the recent tree removals in the Joe E. Anderson Area at Lake Storey. Brandon mentioned that many of trees were dying or already dead, creating a safety hazard, so they were removed before they became an issue. The brush along the roadway was crowding the driving lane so it was trimmed back or removed as well.

Citizen Comments:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 P.M.

Next meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. Monday April 13, 2026.



Don Miles, Parks and Recreation Director