

**Tree Commission Minutes, April 13, 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, Bill Sime, Arborist Brandon Phillips, and Parks and Recreation Director Don Miles

Absent: None

Minutes:

Minutes from the March 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. Brandon mentioned that most of the park trees removed were at the Campground. Dirt work and seeding will be completed at Standish once conditions dry out enough to allow for the work to be completed. The tub grinding has been completed at Pickard, and the mulch will be hauled out over the next month or so.

Old Business:

Arbor Day is Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> at Lombard Middle School. Confirmation of the time will be sent to the commissioners via email once it has been confirmed. A proclamation will be presented at next Monday's City Council meeting; Bill will be in attendance to accept.

New Business:

Director Miles informed the commission that the city was recognized with the Tree City USA award for the twenty-sixth consecutive year and recognized with the Tree City Growth award for the eighth time, fourth consecutive year in a row. Project 350 has been the main driver with the growth award.

Citizen Comments:

Tom Simkins gave an update on tree plantings for the coming year. He has a planting planned for Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> and another one for two weeks later. Tom stated that he is running out of approved sites for trees. A suggestion was made to maybe put out a press release asking residents to respond if they would like a tree planted on their terrace. Tom will investigate that possibility.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 P.M.

Next meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. Monday May 11, 2026.



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Don Miles, Parks and Recreation Director