



Tree Commission
Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 14, 2026

PLACE: Erickson Conference Room, City Hall, Galesburg, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Pennington, Dan Thompson, Bill Sime, Jane Easterly, Arborist
Brandon Phillips, and Parks and Recreation Director Don Miles

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Trant

OTHERS PRESENT: Special Projects Coordinator Tom Simkins

Minutes from the August meeting were approved with a motion from Easterly and a second by Sime.

REPORTS:

Arborist Brandon Phillips presented the Forestry Report. The report was accepted as presented with no comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Recreation Division had a display table setup at the Celebration of Conservation Treasures event held at the Orpheum, so there was information about Project 350 and the Tree Commission on display.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members Sime and Pennington designed a new pamphlet that can be updated regularly to stay current for future exhibits. All members approved of the pamphlet.

Tom Simkins presented an update on upcoming tree plantings for this fall. He has sixty trees scheduled for delivery later next week with plantings scheduled for the two Saturdays following the delivery. IDOT is purchasing trees to be planted on IDOT ROW on West Main Street. If all goes as planned, the total number of trees planted will be at 1,000 or more at the conclusion of the planting cycle this fall.

A question was asked about honey locust trees being infected with the Mimosa Worm. The damage is supposedly harmless, but it is progressively affecting more trees every year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.