Tree Commission

Meeting Minutes

DATE:	October 12, 2026
PLACE:	Erickson Conference Room, City Hall, Galesburg, IL
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ann Pennington, Dan Thompson, Bill Sime, Jane Easterly, Pat Trant Arborist Brandon Phillips, and Parks and Recreation Director Don Miles
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
OTHERS PRESENT:	Special Projects Coordinator Tom Simkins

Minutes from the September 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:

A question was raised about the event held at the Orpheum last month on whether there was any interest in the information that was present. Information would be obtained from Recreation staff that were at the event and report back next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill has worked with Ann and Brandon to make a few minor updates to the pamphlet. Bill will pass on the file to staff so that they can be printed and be on display at KNOXPO next week.

Tom Simkins presented an update on upcoming tree plantings for this fall. The count is at 961 with two more rounds of mass volunteer plantings and then some singles that Tom himself will take care of. The question was raised as of where the 1000th tree should be planted. Members were asked to send ideas to Tom or Don for consideration.

Jane Easterly made a motion that was seconded by Bill Sime to cancel December's meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.