

Tree Committee Minutes Tuesday, March 4, 2025 7pm Green Isle City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm – Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chair Harrison De Boer.

Present: Shane Sheets, Craig Worm, Katelyn Pederson, Harrison De Boer, Tim

Spletzer, Sam LaRose, Cal LaRose

Absent: Terry Hughes

Staff Present: Consultant Amy Soeffker

2. Pledge of Allegiance – All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Swearing in of Katelyn Pederson by Mayor Sheets.

- 3. Approval of March 4, 2025, agenda Motion by Sheets to approve the agenda, seconded by Sam LaRose. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of February 4, 2025, minutes Motion by Spletzer to approve the minutes, seconded by De Boer. Motion carried.
- 5. Old business (tabled from 2/4/2025)
 - A. Tree City application still waiting to hear.
 - B. 2025 goals:
 - Finish tree inventory
 - Medication plan for Emerald Ash Borer
 - Acquiring grants
 - Community engagement and education
 - C. Website updates -De Boer reviewed the updates to the website.
 - D. Newsletter The committee viewed the e-newsletter that Sam LaRose has been working on. Hoping to send out by the end of March. The Different committees are to provide updates.
 - E. TreePlotter Sam and Cal LaRose have done a lot of work on TreePlotter already. Baseball park is left to finish, about 12 trees recognized in the inventory needing to be taken down or treated. Worm asked if it would be possible to have a group of

volunteers take down some trees on a Saturday.

- 6. New business
 - A. Motion by Cal LaRose to require housing developments to plant at least one tree per lot, based on a list provided by the Tree Committee, seconded by De Boer. Motion carried. Soeffker to let Attorney Janssen know to include it in Sharda Enclave's development agreement.
 - B. The committee would like to include tree planting in any future housing developments. De Boer recommended adding it to the Zoning Code. The CPIC will review at their next meeting. Worm recommended tree be planted far enough away from curb stops.
 - C. For the next meeting more on Tree Plotter, review and create a recommended tree list, planning for Arbor Day.
- 7. Adjournment Motion by De Boer to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm, seconded by Cal LaRose. Motion carried.

Tree Secretary Amy Soeffker	Tree Committee Chair Harrison De Boer