

Tree Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 7:00 PM
Green Isle City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM – Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Amy Soeffker.
Present: Cal LaRose, Sam LaRose, Katelyn Pederson, Terry Hughes, Tim Spletzer, Craig Worm
Staff Present: Consultant Amy Soeffker
2. Pledge of Allegiance- All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Election of Officers
 - A. Chair – Motion by Cal LaRose to elect De Boer, seconded by Pederson. Motion carried.
 - B. Vice Chair- Motion by De Boer to elect Cal LaRose, seconded by Spletzer. Motion carried.
 - C. Secretary- Motion by De Boer to elect Amy Soeffker, seconded by Cal LaRose. Motion carried.
4. Approval of March 3, 2026, agenda- Motion by Cal LaRose to approve the agenda, seconded by De Boer. Motion carried.
5. Approval of December 2, 2025, minutes- Motion by De Boer to approve the minutes, seconded by Sam LaRose. Motion carried.
6. Old Business
 - A. Tree Policy for Rights-of-Way and Easements – Approve/Deny update and move to Council – Motion by De Boer to approve the updated policy with additional language added on tree height clearance, the exact language to be emailed to Soeffker to update the policy, then move to Council for approval, seconded by Sam LaRose. Motion carried.
 - B. Tree trimming letters -- follow-up on compliance
 - Apple tree near Cornerstone State Bank (2-week notice) – De Boer provided an update that the tree was cut down on President’s day by the city.
 - Post Office building tree (90-day notice) – De Boer to bring to Council for follow-up.
 - C. 2026 Goals:
 - Finish tree inventory- Nothing has been updated during the winter.
 - Medication plan for Emerald Ash Borer- The Committee felt there would be fewer trees treated the next time as the trees behind the baseball park would not be included.

- Acquiring grants- Soeffker reported that the city did not receive the ReLeaf grant and that the city was not in a priority area. The committee will continue to look for funding opportunities.
 - Community engagement and education – Will continue with newsletter updates, Arbor Day celebration on April 24th, tree plotter for residents, tree booth at the Heritage Festival. Could buy trees to sell at the festival.
- D. Website updates – New committee picture.
- E. Newsletter – EAB, Arbor Day, Tree Plotter
- F. TreePlotter – The subscription was paid again.
- G. Tree City application – Moving through the process and should receive our 2025 plaque soon.
7. New Business
- A. Arbor Day Celebration -April 24th. Willow tree in Lions Park, Oak tree in Lions park? Sam and Cal LaRose will check with Truk’s Tree on pricing. De Boer to ask Council for \$1,000 for 2026 tree purchases.
- B. Approve/Deny 2025 Tree Committee Annual Report – Motion by De Boer to approve the Tree Committee Annual Report, seconded by Cal LaRose. Motion carried.
8. Adjournment - Motion by De Boer to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm, seconded by Cal LaRose. Motion carried.

Secretary Amy Soeffker

Chair Harrison De Boer

Upcoming Meetings:

Tree Committee, Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM