

**Tree Committee Minutes**  
Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 7:00 PM  
Green Isle City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM- Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Chair Harrison DeBoer.  
Present: Harrison DeBoer, Shane Sheets, Sam LaRose, Cal LaRose, Katelyn Pederson, Tim Spletzer  
Absent: Terry Hughes, Craig Worm  
Staff Present: Secretary Amy Soeffker  
Guests Present: Shane Wynkoop
2. Pledge of Allegiance- All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of April 7, 2026, agenda- Motion by De Boer to approve the agenda, seconded by Sam LaRose. Motion carried.
4. Approval of March 3, 2026, minutes- Motion by De Boer to approve the minutes, seconded by Spletzer. Motion carried.
5. Old Business
  - A. Tree trimming letters -- updates
    - Apple tree near Cornerstone State Bank (2-week notice) -Sheets stated that the tree was removed and that the City plans to remove the stump.
    - Post Office building tree (90-day notice)- Sheets reported that the landowners timed the tree.
  - B. TreePlotter – Cal LaRose is planning a public access rollout in Q3 of the year so that homeowners can update their own tree inventory. Sam LaRose will put together a reference guide to show homeowners how to use TreePlotter.
  - C. Arbor Day Celebration- Sam LaRose recommended one or two willow trees for Lions Park and/or a shade tree at Veterans Park. Sheets recommended purple smoke or Kentucky Coffee trees for Veterans Park. The tree planting ceremony will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm. Sheets will let the press know. Sam and Cal LaRose will go to Turk’s Tree a day or two before the event to get the trees.
  - D. Newsletter – Please share any information to include in the newsletter with Sam LaRose.
6. New Business- The committee would like to add the Heritage Festival to upcoming agendas to plan their booth.  
Citizen and PeopleService employee Shane Wynkoop voiced concerns over willow trees in Lions park and the damage they may do to underground water and sewer pipes. Sam LaRose will ask Turk’s trees about it and may choose alternative trees. Wynkoop also asked about culvert cleanup stating that a culvert near him is full of small trees and debris. Sheets stated that it is the City’s responsibility to clean those out and they will get someone in to clean out the culverts. Wynkoop also asked about any ordinances against having someone’s yard full of gardens and fruit trees. No ordinances against were

identified, but if there are rotting fruit attracting bees it could become a nuisance violation.

7. Adjournment – Motion by De Boer to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm, seconded by Sheets. Motion carried.

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Secretary Amy Soeffker

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Chair Harrison De Boer

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Tree Committee, Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 7:00 PM