

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

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair De Boer.
Present: Harrison De Boer, Cal LaRose, Sam LaRose, Terry Hughes, Kaitlyn Pederson, Tim Spletzer, Shane Sheets
Absent: Craig Worm
Staff Present: Secretary Amy Soeffker
2. Pledge of Allegiance – All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of July 7, 2026, agenda- Motion by Sam LaRose to approve the July 7th agenda, with the addition of New Business B. Hackberry and C. MN Basic Code, seconded by De Boer. Motion carried.
4. Approval of May 5, 2026, minutes- Motion by Cal LaRose to approve the May 5th minutes, seconded by De Boer. Motion carried. (There was no meeting in June due to lack of a quorum.)
5. Old Business
 - A. TreePlotter – City trees update and Resident rollout update (Cal and Sam LaRose)
Cal and Sam reported that logins for residents are now available and that information is in the newsletter, De Boer suggested that information on why the city is collecting the information be included in the newsletter, such as it can help when applying for grants.
 - B. Newsletter – Sam LaRose reported that newsletter will go out next week, any additional information please contact Sam LaRose.
 - C. Culvert Cleanout update (Mayor Sheets or Councilmember De Boer)- Mayor Sheets reported that they have been taken care of by PeopleService and three beavers have been removed.
 - D. Archery Fence – quotes (Cal LaRose)- Motion by Sheets to approve up to \$3,000 for the purchases of hedges as an archery fence, seconded by Sam LaRose. Motion carried. Hughes will check with Tractor Supply in Waconia; Sam LaRose will check with Turk's Trees.
6. New Business
 - A. Heritage Festival Planning – Consensus of the group that there will not be a Tree Committee table so that members can volunteer at other activities.
 - B. Hackberry – A resident (DB) mentioned that the Hackberry tree is crooked and needs to be straightened and staked. Sheets stated that PeopleService can straighten and stake it (preferably with three anchors).
 - C. MN Basic Code – De Boer requested to discuss and review this with the committee. The members had several questions and requested that De Boer send out the information to the committee members so that they can read it before the next meeting. Soeffker to contact the Arbor Day Foundation to check if incorporating it

into the MN Basic Code is enough, or if the City must have a standalone Tree Ordinance.

7. Adjournment – Motion by De Boer to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm, seconded by Sam LaRose. Motion carried.

Secretary Amy Soeffker

Chair Harrison De Boer

Upcoming Meetings:

Tree Committee, Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 7:00 PM