

Tree Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 7:00 PM
Green Isle City Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM – Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chair Harrison De Boer.
Present: Harrison De Boer, Tim Spletzler, Terry Hughes, Cal LaRose, Sam LaRose
Absent: Mayor Shane Sheets, Kailyn Pederson, Craig Word
Staff Present: Secretary Amy Soeffker
2. Pledge of Allegiance – All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of September 1, 2026, agenda – Motion by De Boer to approve the agenda with the addition of E. MN Basic Code
4. Approval of July 7, minutes (No August meeting due to Green Isle Night Out) – Motion by De Boer to approve the July minutes, seconded by LaRose. Motion carried.
5. Old Business
 - A. TreePlotter – City trees update and Resident rollout update (Cal and Sam LaRose)- One resident signed up. Cal LaRose thought the price of tree plotter was \$2,600/year, Soeffker will check with City Clerk Hatlestad.
 - B. Archery Fence – quotes (Cal LaRose) – Tree Committee will ask Council for \$1,500 to spend on trees for the archery fence. Cal LaRose will get another quote. Sam and Cal LaRose estimated \$50 each for 5-gallon bucket about 4-foot-tall plants.
 - Brandon Cedar
 - Emerald Arborvitae
 - ~~C. Heritage Festival Planning~~
 - D. Newsletter – Get any information to Sam LaRose. Next newsletter will come out in October.
 - E. MN Basic Code – the Committee review the Tree sections of the MN Basic Code. Tree City/Arbor Day stated that it was acceptable to have our tree ordinance in multiple section of the City Code. Soeffker asked the committee the following questions and received the following answers:
 - Should the Tree Committee be formally established by ordinance, and if so, with what membership, terms, and duties? YES
 - Should the City require a permit for removal of trees on public property or in the right of way? NO

- Should property owners be required to maintain clearance over sidewalks and streets at a stated height? YES
- Does the committee want a species list and planting standards for boulevard and park trees? YES
- Does the committee want to recommend the 20 day or the 30 day Dutch Elm removal deadline? 20-day

6. New Business

A. Protect Community Forests for Community Resiliency Grant – due Sept. 14 – Soeffker to apply for a lower dollar amount for tree inventory, EAB management plan, and education working with L&T. Application was submitted on September 11th.

B. Tree City USA application - Soeffker to submit application before the end of the year.

7. Adjournment – Motion by De Boer to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm, seconded by Cal LaRose. Motion carried.

Secretary Amy Soeffker

Chair Harrison De Boer

Upcoming Meetings:

Tree Committee, Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM