



City of Carthage, Missouri

TREE BOARD

August 5, 2025 - 4:30 PM
Parks & Recreation Office
521 Robert Ellis Young Drive
Carthage, MO 64836

MINUTES

1. Old Business

1. Approval of previous minutes.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 1.1. by Brandon Scott;
Motion passed with a 3:0

AYES: Zachary Cline, Noah Smith, Brandon Scott

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Citizens Participation

(Citizens wishing to address the Board should notify the City in advance and provide the item they want to address in written format at least 24 hours before the meeting. Please call the Parks & Recreation office at 417-237-7035.)

3. New Business

1. Consider and discuss new Tree Board members.

Mayor Flanigan reported that the location requirements for Tree Board members have recently been updated to include residents within five miles of the city limits. The board discussed the need to fill one remaining vacancy and noted that Mr. Smith has identified a potential candidate who may be interested in the position. No action taken.

2. Consider and discuss Arbor Day 2026.

Mr. Smith stated that the selection of tree seedlings for Arbor Day 2026 would be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Skinner noted that the ordering period opens on September 2nd, and Mr. Smith added that the seedlings could be chosen and ordered at the next meeting. No action taken.

4. Staff Reports

Mr. Smith noted that CWEP has previously donated trees to the park system; however, with the recent cost-share program the city is using to plant trees, it may be beneficial to involve the community in a different way. The board discussed the possibility of obtaining sugar maples to plant throughout the community, potentially along the parade route, to continue the Maple City tradition. Mayor Flanigan inquired about the process for selecting trees for the cost-share plantings in the parks and whether the new trees are primarily maples. Mr. Skinner explained that a diverse selection of species is

chosen to prevent mass tree loss in the future, as is currently occurring with the removal of ash trees due to the emerald ash borer disease.

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 05:18 PM by Brandon Scott
	Motion Passed with a 3:0
AYES:	Zachary Cline, Noah Smith, Brandon Scott
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None