



City of Carthage, Missouri

TREE BOARD

September 2, 2025 - 4:30 PM
Parks & Recreation Office
521 Robert Ellis Young Drive
Carthage, MO 64836

MINUTES

1. Old Business

1. Approval of previous minutes.

Mr. Stringer motioned to accept the previous minutes, motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 1.1. by Bryan Stringer;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Noah Smith, Brandon Scott, Bryan Stringer

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 Grand Street tree project.

Mr. Smith reported that he had spoken with Carthage Water and Electric regarding the donation of Sugar Maple trees to be planted along the Maple Leaf parade route, noting that they requested additional information, including pricing. The committee discussed how to open submissions for possible plantings along the route but agreed to wait until plans are approved and finalized. Mr. Smith further advised that the Tree Board would handle the planting and is hopeful this can take place in the Fall. No action taken.

2. Consider and discuss Arbor Day 2026.

Mr. Smith advised that the 2026 Arbor Day event will follow the format of previous years, with the Tree Board handing out tree seedlings to the public, noting the past success of the giveaway. Mr. Skinner reported that seedlings are now available to order through the Missouri Department of Conservation. The committee reviewed the available options and prepared an order for submission. No action taken.

4. Staff Reports

Mr. Skinner with the Missouri Department of Conservation provided an update on the ash tree removal cost-share program. He reported that the Parks Department is

preparing to publish a revised Request for Proposal for the removal of 13 ash trees from the Golf Course and the planting of 26 trees to meet the cost-share requirements.

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

Mr. Cline motioned to adjourn, motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn item 6. by Zachary Cline;
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Zachary Cline, Noah Smith, Brandon Scott, Bryan Stringer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None