



City of Carthage, Missouri

TREE BOARD

July 7, 2026 - 4:30 PM
Parks & Recreation Office
521 Robert Ellis Young Drive
Carthage, MO 64836

MINUTES

1. Old Business

1. Consider and discuss minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Scott motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion passed.

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 1.1. by Brandon Scott; second by None;
Motion passed with a 3:0

AYES: Noah Smith, Brandon Scott, Zachary Kline

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 memorial tree donation.

Stephanie and Brent Hensley presented a request to make a memorial donation at Fair Acres in memory of their father, an avid supporter of Little League. After discussion, the family decided a memorial bench at the Fair Acres baseball stadium was preferred. Ms. Judd advised that Parks and Recreation Director Richard Bonine will follow up regarding the request. No action taken.

4. Staff Reports

Mr. Smith reported the Liberty Tree dedication was held during Red, White and Boom on July 4 at Municipal Park. The Board discussed placing headstones at all four Liberty Tree locations using previously donated limestone slabs. Ms. Judd advised that Parks Maintenance Superintendent Chad Carney has mulched each tree. The Board discussed the ash tree removal project and will follow up with the Parks Director regarding whether the project will proceed this year. Mr. Skinner noted that the City will need to hire an engineer for the removal of ash trees located on the dam at Kellogg Lake Park. The board discussed using the next meeting to evaluate and identify ash trees in most need of removal. Mr. Kline offered to coordinate a volunteer crew to remove dead limbs from trees at Central Park if the Parks Department could handle the cleanup. Ms. Judd advised she would relay the offer to the Parks Director and Parks Maintenance Superintendent.

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

Mr. Kline motioned to adjourn. The motion passed.

ACTION:	Motion to Adjourn at 05:15 PM by Zachary Kline
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AYES:	Noah Smith, Brandon Scott, Zachary Kline
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None