



TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

May 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Final

Members present and volunteer hours: Deb 7, Lisa 5, Barbara 5, JoAnn 4, Joe 5

City Staff: Kent Smith, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor

Visitor: Paul Clements

April 2025 Minutes approved. These minutes were taken by JoAnn Huff

February 2025 minutes read and approved.

Persons to be heard – Paul Clements – He appreciates our volunteer public service. He's a retired forester.

He asks: Who has the keys to Sitka's Tree City USA? Arbor Day was yesterday and there was no observance. He checked with the Arbor Day Committee and found that our last Tree City designation was in 2017. We discussed the process required to be a Tree City with him. And invited him to join our committee. We are not planning to re-apply for Tree City. The paperwork is more that we want to do.

Kent - An experienced new ground maintenance guy starts on June 2. Marissa is working to get Certified Arborist. It is required to be a level three.

Old Business

Removal of a dead tree at the base of the bridge – Kent said that our committee can remove it if we want to. We will spend an hour this weekend on the bridge approach.

New Business

Future projects – Bridge Entrance finish up with tree removal.

Possible: Science Center, Performing Arts Center, Centennial Hall Islands

Planters at Centennial Hall – looking at Japanese Maples to replace the trees that are not thriving. We will be happy to help.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, noon at HCH

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Moore