

CITY OF BAYFIELD TREE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday

September 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was convened by B. Cozzi, City Forester and Chairperson of the Tree Board at 5:17 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Cozzi, Paul Delmain, Tad Paavola and Jacob Geisler.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kevon Dietel, James Kuzzy, Jane Edwards and Sherman Edwards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by P. Delmain and seconded by T. Paavola to approve the agenda as distributed. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes was deferred. Copies of the minutes of the August 27th meeting were not available.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

As of this date approximately \$2,000.00 remains in the Tree Board's regular budget. The plan is to expend these funds for the purchase of tree stock for this fall's planting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Department of Public Works removed the trees on North and South 4th Street as planned.
2. B. Cozzi and J. Geisler did not attend the September 23, 2025 Invasive Species workshop in Eau Claire, WI as planned.
3. The City Forester has received requests from several residents asking that the public areas adjacent to their properties be considered as tree planting sites later this fall. The City Forester is following up on these requests.
4. The City Forester reported on the Tree Board work detail of September 21st. Substantial work was accomplished.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The City Forester reported on her discussions with Earth Sense Garden Center, Washburn, WI planning for the purchase of tree stocks for the fall 2025 planting. It is proposed that this vendor will also plant, mulch, and stake all trees purchased to maintain the guarantee of replacement in the event of failure of individual tree stock to survive.
2. Removal of Staghorn Sumac will be a priority during a work detail for the members of the Tree Board scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2025 starting at 9:00AM. October 18, 2025 will serve as the back-up date in the event of inclement weather.

3. If not expended, the \$34,358 in the City of Bayfield's Tree Board CIP Budget for calendar year 2025 will be carried forward and continue to be available during calendar year 2026.
4. The City Forester provided the members of the Board with an overview of the DNR Forestry grant proposal currently in the final stages of preparation. The deadline for submission of the grant is October 1, 2025.

FOLLOW-UP MEETING:

The next meeting of the Tree Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 5:00 PM at the City of Bayfield Fire Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion for adjournment was made by T. Paavola and seconded by P. Delmain. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacob Geisler