

BAYFIELD CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026, 5:00 PM
BAYFIELD CARNEGIE LIBRARY
37 NORTH BROAD STREET

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Members present, Beth Cozzi, urban forester, Tad Paavola, Jim Kuzzy and Jane Edwards (virtual).

Guests: Tony Black, tree specialist.

Approval of Agenda for February 25, 2026. Motion: Tad Paavola, Second: Jim Kuzzy

Approval of Minutes for October 22, 2025. Motion: T. Paavola, Second: Jim Kuzzy

Finance Report: Since we have a new expense budget for the new fiscal year, 2026, the current balance is: \$6,500.00 with no present debits. The CIP balance from 2025 is currently \$10,295.85, with no expenditures in 2026.

Old Business:

Tony Black was considered as a candidate for a new forestry board member; however, since he does not live within the City of Bayfield, he cannot become a member of the board.

The site for the Arbor Day planting was discussed. One site has been under consideration, namely, the flood plain at the south end of the ravine. We will investigate which species of trees and shrubs would be able to withstand the wet environment within the flood plain. There will be 8-10 trees considered for planting in order to keep the soil from eroding and breaking away from the ravine area.

New Business:

Resignation of one the tree board members was discussed. Since Kevon Dietel has moved to Washburn, he has resigned. Motion to accept resignation: Tad Paavola, Second: Jim Kuzzy.

Discussion was open regarding finding new members for the board. Suggestions were made to advertise for community awareness through the chamber blast and through city hall announcements.

There is a tree on Rittenhouse Avenue by the gas station that needs removal; B. Cozzi will check with Xcel to see who is responsible for removal since the tree is compromised by power lines on Rittenhouse Avenue.

We will present an analysis of tree and invasive species removal during early spring. Tony Black will be considered to perform the removals.

Our new meeting date and location will be the second Wednesday of each month and the meetings will be held at the Bayfield Carnegie Library on Washington Avenue. All meetings are open to the public.

Meeting Adjournment: Motion: Tad Paavola, Second: Jim Kuzzy 5:36 pm.

New Meeting date and location: March 11, 2026, Bayfield Carnegie Library