

CITY OF BAYFIELD

TREE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was convened by B. Cozzi, City Forester and Chairperson of the Tree Board at 5:09 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Cozzi, Paul Delmain, Jane Edwards (via phone), and Jacob Geisler.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tad Paavola, James Kuzzy, and Sherman Edwards.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by P. Delmain and seconded by J. Geisler to approve the agenda for today's meeting. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by P. Delmain and seconded by J. Edwards to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2026 as distributed. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

No expenses have been incurred since the start of the new fiscal/calendar year.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. As part of the ongoing effort to recruit additional members of the Tree Board, several possible candidates were identified. These individuals will be approached to explore their interest and willingness.
2. The Chair reported that Xcel Energy has scheduled the removal of several trees on the north side of Rittenhouse Avenue between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets. This work is scheduled to take place during the month of April.
3. A discussion of scheduling tree pruning and removal and invasive species eradication was deferred to the Board's April meeting.
4. The preliminary plans for the 2026 Arbor Day event call for the planting of several trees or shrubs in the flood plain below the Iron Bridge. Materials were distributed to the members present to guide the selection of the species that will be chosen. The Chair reported on her preliminary discussions with the teaching staff of the fourth-grade class at Bayfield Schools. The details of this event are still being finalized.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Chair polled the members of the Tree Board. It was the consensus of those present to be supportive of the efforts of Tony Black to pursue a contract with the City of Bayfield for arborist services.
2. An April date was proposed for the training open to all Tree Board members on the implementation of the computerized tree inventory software. The Chair will contact the consultant to finalize plans.
3. The Chair discussed the proposed purchase of a pole saw to augment the array of tools available to the members of the Tree Board for use during volunteer service activities.
4. The final details of the 2026 Arbor Day event involving the fourth-grade class of Bayfield Schools are being negotiated between the Chair and school staff.
5. The possibility of the Tree Board's participation in the Bayfield in Bloom event was discussed. The event's format in recent years has not been conducive to such participation. The matter will not be pursued at this time.
6. It was announced that subsequent meetings of the Tree Board will be scheduled on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 PM. The Board will meet in the lower-level meeting room of the Bayfield Carnegie Library.

#### FOLLOW-UP MEETING:

The next meeting of the Tree Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the Bayfield Carnegie Library.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Edwards and seconded by J. Geisler. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacob Geisler