

## Minutes

### Village of Kirkland Tree Advisory Commission

3-11-2025

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:02
- II. Roll call: Present were Brian Benes, Michelle Chambers, Dawn Darling, Jim Stark, Matt Felix. Absent were Mindy Quigley, Jeff Miller
- III. Old Business:
  - A. Minutes- The minutes from the meeting held 11-12-24 were read and approved.
  - B. Urban Forestry Plan- Dawn passed out and talked about the UFP draft. We were asked to read thru the UFP and add input on changes or additions.
  - C. Tree Recommendation- It appears they may be a pest problem with Elms again, so it was recommended we remove Elms from the 2025 tree list.
  - D. 25 oaks may be planted in Behnke Park by the end of April. Issue is they are only 9" saplings that will need a lot of care. Brian will look into working with the school to have families "adopt" a tree, and care for it.
- IV. New Business
  - A. Tree City and Arbor Day Growth Award- Both were approved by the state and were awaiting the OK on the national level.
  - B. Grant Status- The grant fell thru due to lack of information. Brian suggested creating a detailed project later this year to be better planned.
  - C. Arbor Day- Is April 25<sup>th</sup>, and we will be planning and working with Franklin Township Park to plant a 12 foot Blue Hoopsie Pine in Franklin Park that will be used as the villages new Christmas Tree. Jim will provide planting details as the date draws closer.
- V. Next meeting of the Tree Commission was set for Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M. Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Benes