

## Minutes

### Village of Kirkland Tree Advisory Commission

5-13-2025

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:05
- II. Roll call: Present were Brian Benes, Jim Stark, Dawn Darling, and Jeff Miller. Absent were Melinda Quigley, Michelle Chambers, & Matt Felix
- III. Old Business:
  - a. Minutes – The minutes of the 4-08-25 Tree Commission meeting were read and approved.
  - b. Urban Forest Plan – nothing new to report.
  - c. Tree list recommendations – nothing new to report.
  - d. Wilson Nursery – nothing new to report.
  - e. Planting Area – Brian has not spoke to Mr. Dodge yet
  - f. Village web site link – Waiting until Leslie gets settled in.
  - g. Sapling status – 3 trees were pulled out and laid next to hole. They were replanted and watered. Flyer went out to kindergarten families. So far 3 trees have been adopted.
- IV. New Business:
  - a. Tree forestry budget – Brian reported the budget was reduced from 12K to 10K. This could be lowered in the future.
  - b. Trees Forever Grant – Brian reported this grant was due June 1<sup>st</sup>. grants available between 3K and 15K to recover from Emerald Ash Bore.
  - c. Tree Protectors – HES PTO donated 25 tree protectors for the 25 saplings. We noted the adoption term would be for 1 year.
  - d. Brian reported Ryan received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating the Village of Kirkland on being a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Tree City and a 1<sup>st</sup> year Growth City.
  - e. Dawn reported she was able to pick up a donated rain barrel from Dekalb SWCD to be installed under “Sarah Shelter” at Behnke Park.
  - f. It was suggested at the June meeting we finalize the new recommended tree list
- V. Next Meeting
  - a. Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- VI. Adjournment
  - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:54p.

Minutes taken by Jeff Miller and respectfully submitted by Brian Benes