

Minutes

Village of Kirkland Tree Advisory Commission

11-18-2025

I. Call to Order - at 7:04 PM

II. Roll Call - Present were Brian Benes, Jim Stark, Jeff Miller, Dawn Darling, Michelle Chambers and Melinda Quigley; Matt Felix was absent.

III. Old Business

A. The minutes of 09-10-2025 were approved.

B. Urban Forestry Plan (UFP) - The UFP is finished and can be presented to the Village Board. Brian will check with the Village Clerk to see if she has it as a hard copy or a digital file so she can make copies for the Board.

C. Rain Barrel in Behnke Park—we are still working toward its installation.

D. School Partnership- Brian talked to high school agriculture teacher Joshua Dodge, and he was receptive to the idea of raising tree seedlings in the greenhouse as a student project and then transplanting them to an area outside the greenhouse to further grow as saplings. The school would keep 30% of the saplings to grow on school grounds, and 70 % would go to the Village to plant on parkways and in open spaces. Mr. Dodge has said he will put together a list of trees that will do well, and Brian said he would make sure Mr. Dodge has access to the Village "Recommended Tree List" to work from.

IV. New Business

A. A Village resident has asked that two Black Maples on their parkway be cut down. Mindy is going to assess the health of the trees; it may be that all the trees will need is a pruning, which ComED can be called on to help with.

V. Next Meeting- Tuesday, February 10, 2026

VI. Adjournment at 7:34 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeff Miller