

Minutes

Village of Kirkland Tree Advisory Commission

05-12-2026

I. Call to Order- at 7:08 PM

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

III. Old Business

A. The minutes of 04-14-2026 were approved.

B. School Partnership - Anecdotal evidence indicates that the "Trees For Our Future" sapling distribution through the Hiawatha High school greenhouse has been popular. Brian will attend the greenhouse sale this coming Saturday and will speak with Mr. Dodge to see how many trees have been distributed and how many trees are remaining. Brian suggested asking the Lions Club to allow us to set up a tent on the Fourth of July to distribute trees. Tree Commission members and FFA members from Hiawatha H.S. could staff the tent.

C. New Nursery Suggestions- Brian noticed a nursery off Hwy. 64, just outside of Sycamore called Midwest Grow Master. Jeff suggested commission members stop in at any and all nurseries they run across in the area to ask about their tree inventory and their policies regarding delivery and planting. Jim will be talking to Todd at St Aubin's about possible free trees for Kirkland, since St. Aubin is closing.

IV. New Business - None

V. Next Meeting - Tuesday, June 9, at 7:00 PM

VI. Adjournment - at 7:26 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeff Miller