

Minutes

Village of Kirkland Tree Advisory Commission

08-11-2026

I. Call to Order - 7:01 PM

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

III. Old Business

A. Minutes of 06-09-2026 were read and approved.

B. New Nursery - Jeff reported that C.R. Nelson Wholesale Plant Supply, based in Crystal Lake and with a growing lot in Kingston, will supply us with trees at prices comparable to those of St. Aubin. The owner, Carter Nelson, reviewed our "Recommended Tree List" and said his nursery can provide most of the trees on our list. It was reported that we will have \$1500 to spend on trees for a fall planting. With 50-50 homeowner participation that amount would be \$3000. The costliest tree is \$300 plus \$150 to deliver and plant, or \$450 total. $\$3,000 \div \$450 = 6.66$ trees, so we can probably plant seven trees (not all the trees ordered will be the most costly). Jim will check with the two homeowners who, two years back, had filled out a permit and requested trees, to give them the first opportunity to get a tree. Dawn will put an announcement on our Facebook page that there will be a limited number of trees available under the 50-50 program and direct those interested to the Village of Kirkland website → Tree Commission page, where they can view/print the Recommended Tree List and the permit application.

C. Grant Opportunities- Dawn reported that the DeKalb County Community Foundation is once again accepting grant proposals, and she will look into what is required and whether we can submit a grant for trees.

IV. New Business

A. The budget limit for 50-50 tree plantings - As reported (above) it was set at \$1500.

V. Next Meeting - Tuesday, September 15, 2026 @ 7 PM

VI. Adjournment - Adjourned at 7:31 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeff Miller