

## **Minutes**

Village of Kirkland Tree Advisory Commission

09-15-2026

### **I. Call to Order - 7:01 PM**

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

### **III. Old Business**

A. Minutes - The minutes of 08-11-2026 were read and approved.

B. New Nursery Update - Jeff reported that Carter Nelson of CR Nelson Nursery agreed to the delivery and planting of seven trees in October (he had previously stated that he would require a minimum order of ten trees).

C. 50/50 Update - Jim reported that he has been reaching out to residents representing five potential tree orders, and so far one has said yes, one has said no and two more have not yet called him back with an answer. Brian said he would talk to the mayor about ordering seven trees for the fall, even if we fall short on residents' orders. Dawn will now post on our Tree Commission Facebook page, and share the post to the Kirkland Forum, announcing that a handful of trees are available to residents who apply (first come, first served). Dawn reported that we are eligible to apply for a DeKalb County Community Foundation Rural Vitality Committee grant for our 50/50 program, as it meets criteria of community involvement and matching funding. Dawn will pursue the opportunity.

### **IV. New Business**

A. Tree City Application - Brian reported that the application window has opened and that he is working on it.

B. Sapling Nursery - Jeff raised the idea of buying saplings from Mason State Tree Nursery when they open for orders February 1 in order to do a spring planting in the 3.3 acres of land adjoining the western edge of the Kirkwood subdivision. Jeff will contact the owners of the land to see if they will allow it.

V. Next Meeting - Tuesday, October 6 at 7 PM.

VI. Adjournment - 7:50 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeff Miller.