

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Thursday, October 3, 2024

3:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Tree Advisory Board

Commission Members

Karen Fonte

Rita Renwick

Betsy Satcher

Mary Schoenheider

Jim Testin

Ronald Van Dyke

ROLL CALL

Present Karen Fonte, Rita Renwick, Betsy Satcher and Mary Schoenheider
Absent Jim Testin and Ronald Van Dyke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mary Schoenheider, seconded by Karen Fonte, to approve the August 1, 2024 Tree Advisory Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Fonte, Renwick, Satcher and Schoenheider

Absent: Testin and Van Dyke

Tree Advisory Minutes - August 1, 2024

[TMP-7641](#)

Attachments: [08012024 Tree Advisory Board Meeting.pdf](#)

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

No one present.

1. CN / AIB GRANT

Rita Renwick said 1,200 plants were delivered and unloaded at Judson Church and that by the end of the week, all plants were planted. She indicated that part of the grant money was spent for the Judge's visit from America in Bloom. There will be a rededication celebration on Tuesday, October 8 @ 10 am at the gazebo at Judson Church.

2. GROWING CONTRACT

Rita indicated she received a list of all of the addresses and species that were planted in the spring. She did receive the addresses for the fall planting, but not the species. Fall planting will be taking place this week. There is a need for further discussion on who will be watering the new trees once planted.

3. INFLATION REDUCTION ACT GRANT

Rita said they were a little behind on this and that they have until the 3rd Quarter of 2027 to complete this.

4. ARBOR DAY NEEDS 2025

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Suggestions were to possibly have plants to grow inside the home instead of trees for the students that cannot plant a tree outdoors.

5. NEW BOARD MEMBER

Rita Renwick said a new board member is needed.

6. MEETING DATES FOR 2025

Tree Advisory Board Meeting Dates for 2025 are: 2/13/2025, 4/03/2025, 06/05/2025, 08/07/2025, 10/2/2025, and 12/04/2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one present.

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

On 4/3/25 meeting date, the Arbor Day poster judging will take place. Jim Testin was not able to attend today's meeting but he shared his notes from a meeting he was on the panel last month with Rita.

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2024**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Karen Fonte, seconded by Betsy Satcher, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Fonte, Renwick, Satcher and Schoenheider

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