

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Thursday, February 12, 2026

3:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

Tree Advisory Board

Commission Members

Karen Fonte

Eric Moon

Rita Renwick

Betsy Satcher

Mary Schoenheider

Jim Testin

Ronald Van Dyke

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Joe Nordman - Public Works Deputy Director Operations, Piotr Zubek - City Arborist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Testin, seconded by Karen Fonte, to approve October 2, 2025 Tree Advisory Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Fonte, Moon, Renwick and Testin
Absent: Satcher, Schoenheider and Van Dyke

Tree Advisory Minutes - October 2, 2025

[TMP-9548](#)

Attachments: [Tree Advisory Minutes - October 2, 2025.pdf](#)

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

No one at this time.

AGENDA ITEMS

City Arborist - Introduction of New City Arborist

[TMP-9542](#)

New Arborist introduced himself to the Board.

Review of Tree City USA Application Statistics

[TMP-9543](#)

Rita Renwick discussed that the Tree City USA Application was submitted on 12-04-2025. Also discussed were the statistics regarding the tree planting, tree trimming, pruning, and removal of the trees and the expenditure information.

Arbor Day Activities - School Selection, Poster Contest, Tree Distribution

[TMP-9544](#)

Karen Fonte and Rita said that Lynne Thigpen Elementary School was selected for the Arbor Day School. She gave the due date for the posters and mentioned that the poster winners will be invited to attend the City Council Meeting to be recognized.

Inflation Reduction Act Inventory Grant – Review Status of Grant / Inventory

[TMP-9545](#)

Rita discussed that she did not have an update regarding this item. Joe Nordman gave updates regarding the data on the tree inventory and the contracts that are out at this time for tree trimming and stump grinding.

Educational Signage for City Arboretum[TMP-9546](#)

Rita said that the Route 66 Greenway has signage along the trail regarding the trees.

Jim Testin said he had reached out to CRTI and that he received information with QR codes.

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION**2026 Goals Discussion**[TMP-9547](#)

Rita discussed the goals for 2026. One idea would be to post more information on the website regarding tree care. Rita said she received a letter from JJC horticultural department stating that they were interested in being involved in assisting the Board with Public outreach.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: Fonte, Moon, Renwick and Testin

Absent: Satcher, Schoenheider and Van Dyke