

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Thursday, April 3, 2025

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, Mary Schoenheider and Jim Testin
Absent Ronald Van Dyke

ALSO PRESENT:

Councilwoman Sherri Reardon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Betsy Satcher, seconded by Mary Schoenheider, to approve December 5, 2024 Tree Advisory Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Fonte, Renwick, Satcher, Schoenheider and Testin

Absent: Van Dyke

Tree Advisory Minutes - December 5, 2024 [TMP-8386](#)

Attachments: [12052024 Tree Advisory Board Meeting.pdf](#)

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

No one present.

AGENDA ITEMS

Election of Officers (President and Vice President) [TMP-8379](#)

A motion was made by Karen Fonte, seconded by Betsy Satcher, to appoint Rita Renwick as President. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Fonte, Renwick, Satcher, Schoenheider and Testin

Absent: Van Dyke

A motion was made by Karen Fonte, seconded by Betsy Satcher, to appoint Jim Testin as Vice President. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Fonte, Renwick, Satcher, Schoenheider and Testin

Absent: Van Dyke

Tree City USA Application Status [TMP-8380](#)

Rita Renwick discussed that the City was approved for the Tree City USA designation. She will also include this for a PR release.

CN / AIB Grant [TMP-8381](#)

Rita discussed the status of this grant. They were allowed to list all the plantings that will be going in for the Chicago Street entryway.

Growing Contract [TMP-8382](#)

Rita discussed the status of this contract.

Inflation Reduction Act Grant[TMP-8383](#)

Rita discussed that she had met with Greg Ruddy and Christa Desiderio about the \$216,000.00 grant that was previously awarded to the City and they think that the funding should still be available.

2025 Arbor Day School - Edna Keith - Joliet District 86[TMP-8384](#)

Rita discussed that she met with the principal and they have picked the spot for the tree planting. They will be choosing what kind of tree in the next few days. The festival will be on Friday April 25th at 10 am. The voting of the posters take place today and the winner will be invited to the April 15, 2025 Council meeting.

New Board Member[TMP-8385](#)

Rita discussed reaching out to Will County in search of a new board member.

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

Rita asked Jim Testin about the tree labels. He will review them and follow up with her.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

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, Schoenheider and Testin

Absent: Van Dyke