

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432



Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Thursday, April 2, 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 Eric Moon, Rita Renwick, Betsy Satcher, Mary Schoenheider and Jim Testin
Absent Karen Fonte and Ronald Van Dyke

ALSO PRESENT:

Piotr Zubek, City Arborist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rita Renwick, Chair asked for a correction to the previous minutes regarding JJC.

A motion was made by Eric Moon, seconded by Betsy Satcher, to approve the corrected February 12, 2026 Tree Advisory Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Moon, Renwick, Satcher, Schoenheider and Testin

Absent: Fonte and Van Dyke

Tree Advisory Minutes - February 12, 2026

[TMP-9711](#)

Attachments: [Tree Advisory Minutes - February 12, 2026.pdf](#)

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

No one at this time.

AGENDA ITEMS

Arborist Report

[TMP-9705](#)

Pete Zubek, City Arborist reported that they are currently busy with the cleanup from the past storms and aging trees.

They are still trying to catch up with the pruning and planting season has begun. Currently, tree requests are being reviewed at this time.

Openlands-TreeKeeper Chapter Opportunity

[TMP-9706](#)

Rita discussed the treekeeper chapter opportunity.

Review of Arbor Day Activities

[TMP-9707](#)

Rita discussed the poster contest voting taking place today. The winners will be invited to the City Council meeting on April 21st.

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

Rita said they could work on getting a Level 1 Arboretum accreditation. Next meeting is June 4th.

Joliet Arboretum at Route 66 Park

[TMP-9708](#)

Tree Walk

[TMP-9709](#)

Planning a tree walk earlier in the season was discussed.

Oaktober Event-Inventory Grant Public Meeting

[TMP-9710](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: Moon, Renwick, Satcher, Schoenheider and Testin

Absent: Fonte and Van Dyke