



**PARKS & RECREATION
SHADE TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, January 27, 2026
Activity Center
12:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Hill, Mara Hill, Duston Edwards, Rich Potter, Lee Washburn, Josh Stephens, Sam Ellsworth, and Brandon Lerwill

CALL TO ORDER

Matt Hill called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

ACTION ITEM(S)

- Review and Approve October 2025 Minutes:
 - o Rich Potter moved to approve September minutes. Sam Ellsworth seconded. All in favor.

OTHER (NO ACTION)

- Power Update
 - o West side power keeps bumping and after much time they finally found the cause.
 - o Power renewed contract with Davey trees to continue utility clearance.
 - o Power is also having issues with people planting trees under lines and having to trim them constantly.
- Year End Review:
 - o Performed 2297 work orders in tree plotter this past year. Only a fraction of the work done but the only stuff documented.
 - o Working on making sure work is tracked better in tree plotter for the upcoming year.
 - o Double the work orders from previous year.
- Tree Topping/Tree Care
 - o Brian Stevens found and sent the plan for the topped Hitt Road trees but plan was vague.

- o If the City wants to enforce these mandatory trees, then we need more detailed plans and to determine who is going to enforce it.
- Tree Signage
 - o Mara talked with instructors at CTech and they are on board with the idea of helping the City.
 - o Josh had talked with PJ; and PJ wouldn't mind the signs coming back to the Riverwalk.
 - o CTech Instructors are going to be invited to next meeting to discuss next steps.
 - o Inventory of Riverwalk needs updated for next meeting.
- General Tree Discussion
 - o Have had windstorms but little tree damage associated.
 - o Worried about trees budding too early and freezing causing winter kill.
 - o Discussed possible Arbor Day locations.
 - o Went to INLA and won Legacy of Leaves award.
- Items Members would like on Upcoming Agendas
 - o Arbor Day
 - o Tree Topping
 - o Tree signage

Rich Potter moved to adjourn meeting. Mara Hill seconded. All were in favor.

Next meeting will be February 24, 2026.

Meeting recorded by Duston Edwards