

TREE BOARD

City of Prairie Village, Kansas

Minutes

Wednesday – August 6, 2025 6:00 pm Meeting

Public Works Building

3535 Somerset Drive

Board Members: Bart Altenbernd (minutes), Michael Konovalske, Colin McAllister, ~~Mark Morgan, Chi Nguyen (Council Liaison)~~, Rob Schmitz, ~~Lindsay Voitik (Chair)~~, Kirk Walters, and Whitney Wilson

Other Attendees: Bridget Tolle (Urban Forestry Specialist, Public Works)

1. Review and approve minutes from June 4, 2025 meeting – Rob motioned to approve the June minutes, Kirk seconded, minutes approved unanimously.
2. Old Business
 - a. Review VillageFest event - Michael discussed a successful day with volcano prop, stickers and suckers. The Tablet was not too good as it was difficult to see. Maybe posters instead. Last year's location was lamented. This year's location was popular.
 - b. Fall Tree Seminar
 - Wed. Oct. 1st, 7:00 - 8:30pm, Meadowbrook Park Clubhouse Rosewood A
 - Topic: What's Bugging My Tree?
 - Kevin Dunn will moderate
 - Kansas Forest Service will provide a panelist.
 - Betsy has many ideas for topics including insects and other bugs in our trees. Some good... some bad.
 - Set up of room discussed by Bridget.
 - Village Voice will have articles about what to expect and social media.
 - Need volunteers for refreshments and decide next meeting.
 - Set up at 6-6:30pm. Plan for 50 people.
 - Tree saplings for sale by Kansas Forest service.
 - c. Tree mapping update
 - County is working on this
 - Comment by Michael that exporting tree data is relatively easy
 - Goal is to let people find trees online
 - More info needed from ~~gov.~~ committee to complete top 100 trees
 - Michael ~~wants info pushed~~ discussed Google Maps
 - Whitney asked about Lucity Software status, ESRI licensing needed.
 - Michael explains the layering of imaging to show private home's canopy
 - Bridget shares that trees needing maintenance are based on both ~~imaging and~~ patrons telling city through service requests and routine site inspections such as during trimming cycles
 - Discussion about using QR codes to locate top 100 trees.
 - Arboretum needs physical signage for determining these trees.

3. New Business

- a. Tree of Life article presentation & video was applauded.
- b. Spotted Lanternflies as invasive insect discussed.

4. Michael moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rob. Meeting ended at 6:48pm. Next meeting is September 3, 2025

Minutes prepared by Bart Altenbernd and formatted by Bridget Tolle.