

Tree Advocacy Committee Meeting Draft Meeting Minutes

April 10th, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Vienna Community Center

Roll Call: John Shults, Ken Foley, Sandy Shinn, Lea Giovanniello, Roxanne Paul, Doug Noble, Chris Bredehoeft, and Aditi Chandra were all present. Sammy Bryant was absent.

Staff present: Jeremy Edwards, Leslie Herman, Matt Fuller, and Owen McCarty.

Approval of the Minutes: The draft minutes from the 3-27-25 meeting were approved unanimously.

1. **Green Expo:** The TAC continued discussion of their plan for the green expo. They will have a table at the expo and started planning activities, a poster, and handouts. Roxanne shared her ideas for the poster board and other members shared their ideas for what would make the table engaging and informative. Jeremy let the committee know that he was able to get 10 trees that the TAC can give away at the expo to residents. Staff and the committee will work together over the coming weeks to finish gathering and preparing materials for this event.
2. **Arbor Day:** The TAC will also have a table at the Arbor Day event at Moorefield Park. They discussed ideas and activities to do at this event. Their ideas centered around different types of tree identification quizzes to engage with residents.
3. **Web Page:** Staff let TAC know that their webpage has been set up and is available to have content added to it. The TAC has already been working on what they want to be on the webpage, so those ideas were shared. Staff will work with the chairs and members to get the website set up fully and add all the information that is deemed necessary. This will be a good place to direct residents to and hope to have it up and running by the green expo and arbor day so that residents can be directed to it.
4. **Urban Forest Management Plan:** Committee members have begun their planning process for the urban forest management plan. Doug Noble, who is the planning commission representative, shared his insights from his own personal professional career as well as his experience with the town council/ the planning commission drafting plans like this. Chris Bredehoeft also shared his professional experience writing these types of plans, this led to a broader discussion of some of the members' personal experiences that led them to the TAC. Going forward,

the TAC will begin working on this plan in more detail, however this meeting served as a formal introduction and began laying the groundwork for how this will become an accomplishable goal. Town staff added in their vision for the plan and how they will work with the TAC going forwards.

5. **Other Business:** The TAC and Jeremy Edwards discussed the recent cutting that dominion did along the trail, and how the town was involved in that process. The TAC wanted some insight into the process and how their negotiations to re-plant are going. There was a shared interest in the TAC drafting a letter of their recommendation to the town council and dominion regarding this topic. Another topic that was brought up was adding an additional meeting in May since they will be losing a meeting this month due to the green expo. Also, the TAC wants to investigate moving their meetings onto evenings without the CSC after so that they can meet for longer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm