

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 8th, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Public Comment: none

Present: HTC Chair David Antilla & HTC members: Linda Ries, Jim Rineholt, Melanie Paisley. City Staff: Amy Bain. HTC Chair Antilla called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Approval of Sept 10th meeting minutes: Motion made by Melanie, 2nd by Jim, all voted in favor.

New Business:

416 N. 2nd tree removals: Bill Josey of Arborcare represented the home owners & presented information about the Siberian elms and boxelder that are in the ROW on west side of house. Only two trees he recommended for removal: the Siberian elm on the SW end growing into the fence, and the volunteer Siberian elm on the NW corner of ROW. The tree on the far SW has significant decay and is not in good health. The Siberian on the corner is a visibility concern and not a desirable tree. Two trees in front of the house, an oak and maple are growing well and will offer good shade to home. Linda made the motion to approve removal of two trees by homeowners (there will be no cost to city) and to grind the stumps. Jim 2nd, all in favor of approving the removal of two trees.

Quigley Subdivision Phase II: Presentation by Nathan Schutte and Trevor Brand of NS consulting, and Mark Sindell. Linda suggested that they remove Autumn blaze maples and Lindens from the proposed plant list and substitute Bur Oak, Swamp white oak, hybrid elms and/or honey locust. Linda said that because of the impact from elk browsing at Sunbeam on lindens and maples, it would make sense to not use thin barked species such as the maple and linden at Quigley. She also expressed a concern about the unknown durability of ginkgo, since it is only newly planted in Hailey. The group also discussed the proposed fruit tree orchard and concerned about how to protect them from browse. It was suggested individual trees be fenced ahead of the winter season. We also discussed the Limber pine grouping, and NS consulting will look into using a more pyramidal conifer such as Concolor/white fir. Linda made motion to change some of the tree species to be used at Quigley, Phase II, Jim 2nd, and all voted in favor.

2026 Arbor Day tree order: Linda shared a list of possible trees/shrubs to order from U of I Pitkin nursery for 2026 Arborfest. David suggested adding larch to the list. Linda will rework the plant list and email out before November meeting to vote on, and so the city can order ASAP. Amy asked if we would be interested in moving Arbor Day to Earth day but we discussed how April is much too early for planting, and we wish to stay with June Arborfest, and possible May Arbor Day planting.

Staff Reporting: The grant for Kiwanis Park large planting project has most of new trees planted on the west side of the park. David shared a picture of the planting.

Amy asked what trees need to be fenced to prevent animal damage this winter. The only trees we suggested to be staked are the two newer trees in Hop Porter, the Ginkgo and the Kentucky Coffeetree on the NE end of the park near pavilion.

Discussion of Topics for next meeting: David brought up the idea of mapping fruit trees around town for gleanings/sharing of fruit. We talked about working with Lynea of the Hunger Coalition for this effort.

Motion to Adjourn by Linda, 2nd by Melanie, at 7:20 pm. **Next meeting is Nov 12th, 2025**