

Berkley Tree Board Meeting Minutes Monday, November 24, 2025

Attendance

Present: T. Losey (Chair), L. Fritsch (Vice Chair), S. Bard (Secretary), E. Fogle, B. Lathrop, D. Hennen (Council Liaison), A. Wozniak (Staff Liaison),

Absent (Excused): F. Foen

Additional Visitors: None

Meeting was called to order on the 2nd floor of the Public Safety Building at 7:00 pm.

Agenda Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Minutes from the October 27, 2025 meeting were approved.

Public Comments

No public comments were received.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

Old Business

Holiday Lights Parade – Saturday, December 6: Board will participate jointly with the Beautification Committee; most of the Members plan to participate, simple set-up, walking with lights, and banners which were displayed during the meeting. Members encouraged to donate/bring candy and promotional items.

Advocacy – MI Urban & Community Forestry: F. Foen will work on a letter of support emphasizing the value of Lawrence and the organization in light of State funding uncertainty.

DPW Update – A. Wozniak

Applications: Submitted for Tree City USA and Growth Award

Tree Inventory GIS: Quote from SavATree included in the budget for the inventory to be completed in one year, staff reviewing volunteer involvement and GIS licensing limits

Irregular Tree: Adam will inquire with Marine City as to an irregular tree (topped) presumed to be planted as part of street tree program.

New Business

2025 Accomplishments: Members reviewed 2025 highlights, Chair to compile annual summary for year-end report

2026 Objectives: Members will brainstorm for 2026 goals and objectives and will discuss in the January meeting

Secretary role – Board Vacancies: S. Bard volunteered to assume role of Secretary, a brief discussion of the process of filling 3 Board vacancies took place

City Council Update – D. Hennen

Volunteer Hours, Participation, Promotion: Dennis suggested considering tracking Members time devoted to direct Board activities, holding volunteer events in a social format to expand volunteer participation and provided information to aid in promotion of Board activities through additional avenues (Woodward Talk, etc.)

Tree Ordinances: Dennis gave a brief background and update on Tree Ordinances

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Next Meeting: January 26, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Stephen Bard, Secretary, on November 25th, 2025.