RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **Tree Board** Held **June 17, 2025**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order 5:20 PM.

Sylvia Harlow	Chair	Present
Patricia Bond	Member	Present
Sharon Duff	Member	Present
Jeanie Gay	Member	Present
Erica Grooms	Member	Present

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane; City Planner Nick Sorice; Clerk of Council Karen Powell

Approval of Minutes

Tree Board Minutes - April 15, 2025

Mrs. Harlow asked if there were any changes or corrections to the April 15, 2025, Tree Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Business

2025 Arbor Day - Thank you Parks & Recreation Department

City Planner Nick Sorice said Kelly Stricker, along with the Parks and Recreation Department, put on an Arbor Day event on April 25, 2025. He said Ms. Stricker did a great job with the event and there were a lot of fun activities for all ages.

Mrs. Duff said the event was a lot of fun.

Mr. Sorice said this event is a big component of the City's Tree City USA status, and it is important this event is held each and every year. He said 12 saplings were given away to the first 12 people who had signed up and participated in the event. He said Schmidt's sausage truck was also present at the event.

Forestry Educational Article

Mr. Sorice provided an article in the packet which covers the impact of whether planting trees helps cool the planet. He said he has never looked into the effects of trees cooling the planet before, and he thinks this is a neat article to learn about different areas and think about different countries where there is deforestation. He read a portion of the article to the board members.

Other Business

Mr. Sorice reported he would like to add a section to the Tree Board meetings called Business Updates that are going on in the City. He said in terms of new development within the City, the developers have to follow landscape regulations with the Moraine Codified Ordinances that he and Mr. Carpenter review. He said this includes trees, shrubs, and evergreens. He stated this new information will keep the board members updated on what is going on in the City. He said he has been working with TNT Fireworks, which is going in at 2770 East River Road and is a new address. He reported the location will be a warehouse and retail store. He said there will be a temporary dumpster around the 4th of July for residents to take old fireworks. He said TNT is still under building review. Mr. Sorice discussed the landscape plan for the new Arco gas station on Dryden Road and Springboro Pike. He said Public Storage bought Moraine Self Storage on Dryden Road and Arbor Boulevard.

He said the next meeting is on August 19, 2025.

Mrs. Harlow remarked it will be nice to know when a new business is opening in the City.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.

ATTEST: City Planner, Nick Sorice

ATTEST: Clerk of Council, Karen Powell