

July 2026 Tree Allies Meeting Minutes

Members present: Larry Beiter, Mike Beam, Sarah Gray, Linda Straub, Bernie Denning, Mallory Abel, Heidi Boyle and Chris Boyle

June Meeting minutes were altered prior to the meeting and sent for review by the group. Chris made a motion to approve the June minutes and Sarah seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the group.

Master Plan Committee: Chris said the team met about 3 weeks ago. A document was created. Different topics were assigned to the different committee members. Bernie asked about the “chapters” that Amber mentioned in her email and those were discussed. Sarah has been in touch with Crown Hill cemetery to build a tree assessment protocol. Bernie will be emailing some possible resources that he has received. **The next meeting is scheduled for July 20th.**

Watering Committee: Bernie has the new watering system on the gator. Heidi remarked that the new system is helpful for watering the landscaping. The hose is long enough to reach the trees without using the buckets. Nancy Baxter was at a town council meeting and agreed to help with the watering. Holly Henderson has also offered to help. Bernie said the trees need water on Thursday. Linda said the pots need watering every other day. Larry might be using the trailer later in the summer.

Parade Committee: Mallory reported that the group met on June 19. It was decided to reuse last year’s remaining supplies. Pricing is to be discussed for giveaways. Extra trees will be purchased for the float; Larry has some small trees. Sarah will be providing stumps for float decor. Mulch will be added to the float to allow height for the smaller trees. Budget is TBD. Linda remarked that the coozies would be a good giveaway. Setting up the table at the festival and potentially using the tree sale form was discussed. The festival may be at a different time of day this year though the time was uncertain. **Next meeting: Sunday, July 12, 7 pm at Boyles.**

Larry has spent \$85 on tree fencing. \$400 was spent on trees for the cemetery. \$550 left in annual budget + \$240 from tree sales.

Mallory said the Tree Allies newsletter was finished. It is at the printer. The winter version is an upcoming project.

Membership reappointments are due. Mike said he could make the reappointments at the next Town Council meeting. Mallory said she may wish to change positions. Mike stated that the terms for positions were unclear at this time, but he would review the bylaws.

Larry: tree trimming at Miller Park. Tim Lambard is going to be gone and there will be a conversation later.

Tree dedication nominations was a topic brought up by Mallory. Mike said we had discussed crowd sourcing some information and it had been discussed at the Town Council meeting. Larry suggested that tree planning/dedication might be a good resource for people seeking to honor people and could be coordinated as a future project. Bernie said he's seen brass plaques. Mallory suggested Etsy as a resource. Mike suggested that there be a format or definition for nominations. Mallory will resource some ideas for plaques. Larry will begin to develop a rough plan for a nomination.

Mike stated that he is pleased with the efforts of the group; his vision for the Tree Allies has surpassed his expectations.

Larry made a motion to adjourn. Chris seconded the motion. The entire group agreed to end the meeting at 7:00 pm.

After adjournment, the group remembered to discuss Night Out at Lion's Club Park.

August 4, 2026

6 pm

Larry and Bernie have tables that they will bring for coloring. Bernie has a pop-up tent and will print out some newsletter inserts for handouts.

The town council declined the bounce house d/t liability concerns and experiences with broken toys/tools.

Anyone participating should be there about 30-45 minutes before 6 pm.