

May 6, 2026

Tree Allies Meeting

Members present: Linda Straub, Larry Beiter, Bernie Denning, Mike Beam, Tim Lambard, Grace Breznek, Amber Lane Larraby, Chris Boyle, Heidi Boyle

6:15 pm

Linda made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes. Grace seconded the motion. All yes, except for 1 abstain, Amber.

Bernie, VP, led the meeting. Asked the group about setting up Tree City. Chris has found the necessary documents but hopes to have more time to send in the information earlier.

Master Plan Committee. Working on a June date. Will set a tentative date.

Planning:

Car Show: Saturday, June 20, 2026. Linda stated that we have tablecloths and signage. The Tree Allies will have a booth, to be discussed at the June meeting.

Parade: September 19, 2026. Amber has photos. Mallory, Linda, Heidi, Grace, Chris and Sarah were on the committee. Tim was the grill master. The trailer will be available again, but Tim may be on vacation. Float: Life is cooler under trees. For the float, we could offer trees. Bernie is going to talk to the new builders. Heidi will set up float committee meeting.

Linda shared a "World without trees" handout that we may be able to share. Mike will add it to the newsletter. Grace sent photos to Mike for the newsletter. Linda will possibly coordinate plants for the car show with Melanie and Carlos (blessing box couple).

Mike suggested that we keep a tree nursery, possibly near the barn.

Newsletter: Summer town newsletter in July 2026. This is delivered. Mike needs content by mid-June.

Arbor Day: Mike broached the idea of the tree dedication.

7:07 – Chris and Heidi left meeting

Watering Team – We will target using the Gator as the primary vehicle for flower watering during the summer. The watering trailer with a crew of 5 or so will be best for once weekly watering of the trees. Bernie and Tim discussed some details of a watering pump assembly to aid the Watering Team. Larry will test out the watering trailer prior to dryer July weather.

Bernie suggested that the southern most apple tree planted at the Cemetery has settled after planting and should be raised to bring the main order root above ground level. There was no opposition to this suggestion.

Bernie suggested that we have large signs made to advertise proper and improper mulching techniques. The Board discussed briefly, Bernie will obtain pricing on some options.

Larry suggested that we purchase some tree guards and/or fencing to help protect the recently planted trees from deer and lawnmower damage. He will check the original Arbor Day funding vote and previous spending to confirm if any money is left to purchase materials.

Amber motioned to adjourn the meeting. Grace seconded the motion. All five voting members vote Aye. Meeting Adjourned at 7:26