

Clermont Tree Allies Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 6 pm

Members present: Tim Lambard, Bernie Denning, Grace Breznik, Chris Boyle, Heidi Boyle, Sarah Gray, Larry Beiter, Linda Straub, Mallory Abel

Arbor Day Tree Planting: Sunday 4/26 at 2 pm

Prior to DAY OF

Chris to p/u trees 4/22/26 at Woody's Warehouse (2 crabapples)

Sara p/u 1 tree from Lowes (1 crabapple)

Larry: call 811

Mallory: Social media to address the event. Include the free tree saplings offer.

Chris/Heidi: Get into the barn and bring out the signage and put posts where the new trees will go, in line with the present trees but not over the roots of trees that have been removed. Plan to plant trees 15 to 20 feet apart.

Tim: Will discuss with town council about possibility of using town money to put in irrigation for the trees and possibly by the town sign to make watering more efficient.

Put a sign by the cemetery. Heidi and Chris will look for wooden signs for front of cemetery.

Question: Are other signs available for use?

Question: Has everyone seen the draft to name trees after people in the community? Mike has written a draft. Larry is going to resend the draft. Goal is to communicate with the town and ask for thoughts about a tree dedication program.

To-Do's for the DAY OF

Bernie: doughnuts and handouts about volcano vs. doughnut mulching.

Boyles: trees and mulch. Sara will drop off Tree #3 to the Boyles.

Larry: tables

Mallory: bottled water, chairs

Grace: coffee, paper cups

Everyone: tools

Larry: Saplings, courtesy of JD Ford, through the State of IN and DNR. 100 saplings!! Burr Oak, chokecherry, and 2 others.

Tree City USA conference: Bernie discussed the conference. Move away from Maples in communities because the long horn beetle can infest the tree. Woody's Warehouse was represented. Minnesota outlawed the Tree of Heaven (invasive). Volcano mulching vs. Doughnut mulching.

Cool Creek nursery.....native trees.

Watering Committee Update:

Meeting tomorrow, 4/9/26 at 10 am. Tim offered idea of setting up bubblers and more efficient watering system. TBD but he will discuss with the town about cost.

Master Plan group meeting:

Amber, Chris, Sara, Mike. No meeting date has been set yet.

Meeting adjourned 7:08 pm. Mallory made initial motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Bernie. All agreed to adjourn meeting.