



Independence Tree Commission Minutes

June 11, 2025 5:30 PM

Urban Lumber - 1450 W. Lexington

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:50 pm.

Present: David Campbell, Darla Eames, Twyla Olson-Hahn, Tim O'Neill, Jim Hannah, Mike Hernandez; Charlotte Olejko

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. May 21, 2025 Meeting

May 21, 2025 minutes read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Woodlawn Cemetery update: Trees look good; need mulching. Charlotte provided a watering schedule to Perry for the next couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Urban Lumber Tour

Tim showed us around his new facility that is shared with his wife, Amy, for her metal creations.

2. City Tree Ordinance

Commission may consider setting regulations for an Adopt-a-Tree program in conjunction with the Memorial Tree program. This would reduce the cost of purchasing a tree and having it planted in a deceased's memory by having a plaque made and dedicated for the deceased person. The family would be allowed to pick an existing tree in any of the parks in the city limits.

3. Tree Tour

No update.

TREE TALK

Pyramidal Hornbeam: *Carpinus betulus* 'Fastigiata'. Zones 4-8. 30-40' tall and 20-30' wide. Yellow catkins are male

and up to 1.5" long. Green catkins are female and up to 3" long. Trunk is smooth gray bark with muscle-like fluting. Genus name refers to classical Latin name. The specific epithet refers to birch-like leaves. Fastigiata refers to the upright form. Extremely hard wood; used to make yokes for oxen.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting - Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.