



Independence Tree Commission Minutes

February 11, 2026 5:30 PM

Vaile Mansion - 1500 N. Liberty

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Minutes - Jan. 14, 2026

January meeting minutes were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Legacy Trees

Legacy Tree program — no new updates at this time.

Vaile Landscape - Mayor's Christmas, Norway Spruce, to be relocated from City Hall to Hiram Young grounds.

Started removing boulders and other items from the Japanese Garden at the old City Hall.

We still need vendors for Garden Faire in April. The City wants to hand out 250 trees in celebration of the USA's 250th anniversary; may decorate containers in various areas around the Square.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Truman Connect Project Tree Selections

Truman Connect project — renewing the island along Winner Road from Sterling Ave to Chrysler. Trees to consider: Ivory Silk Lilac to bookend the length of the entire project.

Suggested trees: Redbud/Whitebud, Royal Raindrops Crabapples, Hornbeam, Green Vase

Zelkova, State Street Maple, Turkish Filbert, Shantung Maple, Pacific Sunset Maple, Ginkgo, Frontier Elm, Golden Raintree. Looking for good fall color or spring flowering, tolerant of pollution, controllable canopy size, other environmental factors. May consider Spartan Juniper for evergreen. Low maintenance is a must. May need 45-50 trees total for the project. We will continue discussion at the next meeting.

TREE TALK

There was no tree talk.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting - March 11, 2026

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.