



Independence Tree Commission Minutes

March 11, 2026 5:30 PM

Vaile Mansion - 1500 N. Liberty, Independence, MO 64050

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

All in attendance were: Charlotte Olejko, Darla Eames, Tim O'Neil, Mike Hernandez, Mike Adams, Jim Hannah. Alex Lopez was a guest in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Minutes - February 11, 2026

January meeting minutes were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Legacy Trees

No legacy tree talk.

2. Mayor's Christmas Tree

No Mayor's Christmas tree talk.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Truman Connect - Tree Selections

Conversations about taking down trees are to begin next week and must be completed by March 31. A June deadline for the landscape proposal. Trees discussed: Ginko, Whitebud/Redbud, Ivory Silk Lilac, Spartan Juniper, Golden raintree, State Street Maple, Ohio Buckeye, Pacific Sunset Maple. A preliminary plan was discussed to continue at the next meeting.

2. Uptown Garden Faire

Independence has been named Tree City USA 25 years running. Garden Faire is Saturday, April 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are in need of more vendors.

TREE TALK

No tree talk.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

1. Next Meeting - April 8, 2026