



## Independence Tree Commission Minutes

June 10, 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.

In attendance were: Charlotte Olejko, Tim O'Neil, Mike Adams, Darla Eames, Jim Hannnah, David Campbell, Alex Lopez, Russ Harding, and guests: Sue Evans.

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes - May 13, 2026

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Legacy Trees

There was no update on Legacy Trees.

2. Truman Connect - Alex Lopez

The concrete will be poured in the next 2 weeks. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of July. The next step will be to install topsoil and seed it. It has been recommended to use tall grass fescue and Kentucky bluegrass mix for best results. The contractor is to water for the first year once landscaping is completed.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Landscape Plan - Vaile Mansion

We will begin to work on updating the tree ordinances for Independence. We would like to use the city of Liberty and possibly Overland Park's guidelines for improving the ordinance currently in place. There recommendations will be sent to the City Council for approval and a committee assigned for enforcement.

**TREE TALK**

There was no tree talk.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 8th, 2026. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.