

Tree and Landscape 2025 March Meeting Notes

Reagan Roth		Ralph Weber	1
Gulizar Baggson		Jeannie McIntire	1
Helen Lampkin	1	Mark Lankford	
Nathan Lembke	1	Holly Hook	1
Tyler Cheek	1	Haley Deatherage	1
Taylor Allen	1	Shelli Kerr	

1. Open Meeting – Ralph Weber calls meeting to order at 10:03.
 - a. Helen Lampkin is introduced to the committee as the newest member.
 - b. Approval of January Minutes – No changes to the minutes are made. Ralph Weber calls for a motion to approve. Nathan Lembke motions to approve, Jeannie McIntire seconds. All vote in favor.
2. New Business
 - a. Tree Giveaway – The tree giveaway will be held on 4.12.25. Members are asked for confirmation that they will attend. Nathan Lembke proposes a sign for the compost facility, notifying residents that may go there by accident that the giveaway is being held at the Municipal Complex this year. Taylor Allen mentions that she will be touring the facility to assess where trees should be delivered and the giveaway held. The aim will be to have two lines of traffic picking up trees.
 - b. Educational Events
 - i. Having a spring public speaker is discussed. The library posed some potential dates that they could host a speaker. The proposed dates and locations are below.
 1. Wednesday, April 30th – Walmart Room (large capacity) or Rotary Room (medium capacity)
 2. Wednesday, May, 14th – Walmart Room (large capacity)
 3. Wednesday, May, 21st – Walmart Room (large capacity) or Rotary Room (medium capacity). It is pointed out that Earth Day is the following day, which may make this day more significant.
 4. The next steps will be to offer these dates to the speakers to see if they are available, confirm with the library, and coordinate with the speaker to confirm that their presentation is within the current city codes, particularly on native plants, as May is native plants month. An update will be provided at the April meeting.

ii. The First Friday event proposed for April 4 has been cancelled due to lack of available volunteers.

- c. Other Business- The committee is reminded that the Arbor Day foundation is holding an event on Tuesday the 25th at 10:00. Committee members are invited to attend.

Jeannie McIntire mentions that Fayetteville residents are voting to award the best tree in Fayetteville, and that this could be a good program to implement in Bentonville to encourage more engagement with trees after the storm.

The committee asks about the status of the Native Lawn ordinance that was proposed. Last May the committee was presented with a draft, but it is currently being held for review with the Fire Department due to safety concerns.

- d. Book Dedication – Heather Hays and Courtney Fitzgerald with the library arrive for the book dedication ceremony. Pictures with the Committee members are taken.

3. Adjournment – Ralph Weber calls for a motion to adjourn. Nathan Lembke motions to adjourn, Helen Lampkin seconds the motion. All vote in favor. Meeting is adjourned at 10:50.