

TREE CITY COMMITTEE
City of Wisconsin Dells
Municipal Building—300 LaCrosse St.
March 16, 2026

Ald. Terry Marshall called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM on Monday, March 16, 2026.

1. Present: Terry Marshall, Debbie Kinder, Shirley Tollaksen, Alexis Nolden
Absent: Jeff Olson
Others: Director of Public Works Chris Tollaksen, Scott Klicko of Talented Tradesman
2. Motion by Debbie Kinder, seconded by Alexis Nolden to approve as corrected the minutes of the November 10, 2025 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Scott Klicko has agreed to treat the City's 80 ash trees to prevent EAB this summer. He will work with Chris Tollaksen on a plan.
4. The Tree Surplus fund will be used to finance the ash treatments. The need to replenish this fund was discussed.
5. Kinder has approached the Sexton John Fisher and Parks and Rec employee Tim Hall about planting trees this spring. She will also approach Jeff Olson about BID trees and area realtors about tree bank neighborhood plantings. On a motion by Shirley Tollaksen, seconded by Kinder, we recommended purchasing trees from Landscape Techniques. Nolden offered tree planting services by volunteers in her Natural Resources class at WDHS.
6. Chris Tollaksen submitted our Tree City application in December of 2025. It has been approved by the Wisconsin DNR.
7. Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 23 by distributing Chinese Chestnut, Hybrid Poplar, and Swamp White Oak saplings. Distribution will be led by Nolden's Natural Resources Class between 10:10 and 11:15 AM until 4 PM.
8. There were no recommendations for the Public Works Department.
9. There were no items for referral to a future meeting.
10. The next Tree City Advisory Meeting will be on November 16, 2026.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 PM on a motion by Shirley Tollaksen, seconded by Nolden.

Debbie Kinder, Committee member