

Village of Whiting
Tree Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairperson, Kevin Lutz

Roll call. Members present: Trustee(s) Kevin Lutz; citizen member(s): Danny Farley, Jeff Vaughter. Also present: Bill Taugner (Village President) and other Village resident(s).

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1. Approval of August 4 minutes. Motion made by Farley and seconded by Vaughter to approve the minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. Discussion and possible action re. Tree Board Report – 325 Verrill Street & 324 McDill Avenue. After discussion the following actions were agreed to. The Village resident who imitated this agenda items will have a property survey completed to establish property lines. After the survey is completed the owner of the property the trees are on will be required to remove the trees at the owner's expense. If the trees are not removed by the owner the trees will be removed and the cost added to the owner's tax bill.
3. Discussion and possible action re. Participation in the UW-Stevens Point / DNR Tree Inventory and Management Plan. This agenda item was tabled.
4. Update: Arbor day 2026 tree planting. The Arbor Day 2026 tree planting was completed.
5. Discussion and possible action re. Forest Management Plan. Issue was discussed and possible actions that could be taken were considered. Farley volunteered to contact UWSP for possible advice.
6. Discussion and possible action re. 2027 evasive species. Possible areas in the Village and actions were discussed. Vaughter volunteered to contact the Boy Scouts and inquire about the possibility of volunteer labor. The Well Field was identified as possible top priority.
7. Discussion and possible action re. Future Tree Board budget. An item of information provided included a municipality similar to our Village budgeted approximately \$10,000 for forest management, tree planting, invasive species control and other miscellanies costs. Motion made by Farley and seconded by Vaughter that \$9,000 be included the 2027 Village Board for Tree Board use. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
8. Discussion re. Future agenda items. Removal of trees that pose possible risk of injury to persons on or near trails maintained by the Village was identified as agenda item for next Tree Board meeting.

Motion made by Farley and seconded by Vaughter to adjourn. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm