



BETHEL PARK SHADE TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Brian Tarbert at 6:30 pm on March 11, 2026. A quorum was present.

A. Roll Call

Commission Members Present: Brian Tarbert (Chair), Brian Joos, Lindsey Boyko, Gregg Ament, Machel DeCarlo, Nancy Morrison, Ramona Stanley

Municipal Staff Present: David Rudolph

Council Liaison Present: Jim Jenkins

B. **Approval of Minutes** –March 12, 2026 -Motion: Ament; Seconded: Tarbert; passed.

C. Old Business

a. New STC Member – Ramona Stanley

The STC welcomed Ramona Stanley as a new member of the Shade Tree Commission.

b. Summarization of Eligible Grants and Deadlines

Lindsey Boyko presented a Google spreadsheet summary of potential grants. Each grant has its own criteria, objectives, and requirements. Some of the grants may have potential at this time and will be discussed further in Bethel Park Shade Tree sub-committee. Planning and narrowing the committee's goals and objectives is key. Other grants that require municipal matching funds were also mentioned. Jim Jenkins asked Lindsey to forward the presentation to him so that Bethel Park Council could explore these grant opportunities further.

c. Municipality General Fund Line Item - \$10,000

Jim Jenkins gave a summary of \$10,000 Municipality General Fund money spent:

2023- \$8,300.00

2024- \$7,341.00

2025 - \$14,000.00

Jim was asked to clarify eligible uses of funds, including matching funds.

d. Earth Day April 21/ Arbor Day April 24 Project

Discussion centered on planting trees at Molly Hill Park, with possible participation from the Environmental Club and Elementary students, and on clearing Honeysuckle. Tarbert moved to plant 23 trees at Molly Hill Park; seconded; passed. A pre-meeting at Molly Hill Park was scheduled for 9:00 am on March 14. Jim Jenkins requested that 3 additional Norway Spruce trees be included in the tree order for replacement of the trees planted last year on the pickleball court hillside at Millennium Park.

D. New Business

- a. Jim Jenkins presented and will provide mixed flower seed packets. He requested that a label be affixed to the seed packets to promote the Bethel Park Shade Tree Commission and to be handed out at the Memorial Day Parade. The label printing will require a small expenditure. Tarbert moved that the Committee endorse said expenditure; seconded; passed.
- b. Ramona Stanley presented and requested help in preparing pots with red twig, pawpaw, and elderberry cuttings to be distributed on Community Day at the Shade Tree Commission booth.

E. Future Meeting Dates

- a. 2026 Meeting Dates
 - i. April 15, 2026
 - ii. August 12, 2026
 - iii. November 18, 2026

F. **Adjournment:** Motion: Ament, Seconded; Passed

NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2026