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Washington Tree Board

Meeting of July 11/4/2026
Washington Park District Board Room, 105 S. Spruce St., Washington, IL 61571
11:30 am -1:30 pm.

Agenda – 11/4/2026

1. Call to Order at 11:34 AM
2. Public comments: None
3. Introductions of Members and Guests. Present: Brian Rittenhouse, Randy Wall, Katie Beale, Brittany Miller, Cindy Roese, Brian Tibbs, Lisa Wilkes (formerly Lisa Sherman).
4. Review of Meeting Agenda.
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes of 7/22/2026. Approved by Brian and seconded by Katie Beale.
6. Past Business Items.
   a. Arbor Day 2026.
      b. Review of Arbor Day Celebration at Central School. Viewed as a success by the board.
7. Current business items.
   a. Arbor Day 2027.
      b. Falls on Friday, April 30th. Looking to plant on possibly April 23rd-28th, TBD.
      c. Will be a D50 school. Brian is going to reach out to Dr. Trimble to figure out which D50 school.
      d. Arbor Day Recognition Paver - Brian
      e. Lisa Wilkes will drive by both Hensey and Beverly Manor to see what their tree diversity is and will provide photos.
8. Goals and Vision for Tree Board - Suggestions for Strategic
   a. City Tree Inventory Discussion. Randy has proposed we table this for now and revisit at a later date.

b. Discussing prepping a flyer to educate residents on best trees to get for Washington, and education (calling JULIE, best depth for digging).

9. Motion to review Freedom Parkway trees made by Katie Beale, seconded by Brittany Miller to be done in Spring of 2027.Plan would be to work with the city. All members approve.
10. Discussion of the new tree planted in the Square. It has now been covered and is being watered more. Reports that it is not doing well and will need to evaluate in the Spring.
11. Future meeting date is February 17th at 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM.
12. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM.

Meeting minutes signed by