



Tree Board Agenda

**Grimes Tree Board
December 3, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
Grimes Community Center, 410 SE Main Street**

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GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Proposed Tree List for Leaf it to Grimes
2. Tree Ordinance Update

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT



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This meeting of the Grimes Tree Board was called to order Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 5:33 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Mark Dungan, Lee Goldsmith, Russ Lickteig, April Moore, Sally Worley, Dick Piph

Staff: Kevin Hensley, Rachel Greving

Absent: NA

A. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Piph, Second by Lickteig, to approve the agenda

Roll Call: Ayes-All; Nays-0 Motion passes: 6-0

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Dungan, Second by Goldsmith, to approve the minutes from the February 5, and June 4, 2025, meetings

Roll call: Ayes-All; Nays-0 Motion passes: 6-0

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 8-5 Trees Ordinance Review

Staff member Hensley presented the details of the ordinance amendment including the allowance of trees to be planted closer to sidewalks and the tree list being removed to add to the Forestry Standards instead.

The Board discussed the request and asked questions of staff.

Motion by Dungan, Second by Lickteig to approve 8-5 Trees Ordinance Review with installation of comments from Board members

Roll Call: Aye-All Nay-0 **Motion Passes 6-0**

2. City of Grimes Forestry Standards and Specifications Review

Staff member Hensley shared the particulars of the Forestry Standards and Specifications.

The Board shared concerns about some of the verbiages used. Goldsmith and Dungan volunteered to make minimal changes to the document.

Motion by Worley, Second by Dungan to approve City of Grimes Forestry Standards and Specifications Review after edits made by Goldsmith and Dungan for the Head Back Prune section

Roll Call: Aye-All Nay-0 **Motion Passes 6-0**

C. OLD BUSINESS

NA

D. NEW BUSINESS

Goldsmith raised concerns about privacy from resident abutting the South Sports Complex stating some shrubs could be helpful on the City's property. Staff responded that they would bring it to the attention of the Parks and Recreation Department.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Chairperson Signature

Clerk Signature



Leaf it to Grimes

Where We Were Last Year

The 2025 Leaf It to Grimes program was a success. Last year's event offered 100 trees, all of which were reserved by residents in a short period. Species included:

- American Linden
- Eastern Redbud
- Red Oak
- Ironwood
- Bald Cypress
- Kentucky Coffee
- River Birch
- White Pine
- Swamp White Oak

Community engagement remained high, and feedback from participants reinforced the value of providing diverse, resilient tree species for residential planting throughout the city.

What We Plan to Do This Year

For the 2026 Leaf It to Grimes event, the plan is to expand the program by increasing the total number of available trees from 100 to 120 at the price of \$30/ tree. This expansion responds to continued public interest and supports the City's goals for enhanced tree canopy, improve stormwater quality, environmental stewardship, and long-term urban forestry health.

Proposed Tree Species for 2026

The following tree species are proposed for inclusion in the 2026 program subject to availability with size of #15 (1 1/2" caliper). These selections aim to provide a wide variety of high-quality, site-appropriate species that promote biodiversity and long-term resilience:

- Hackberry
- Fall Fiesta Maple
- Yellowwood
- Blue Beech
- Ivory Silk
- Japanese Lilac
- Serviceberry (Autumn Brilliance)
- Burr Oak
- Red Oak
- Sour Gum
- Yellow Birch

