

TREE COMMISSION: Meeting Minutes



1. Call to order
 - a. The regular monthly meeting of the Winterset Tree Commission was held Wednesday May 5, 2025
 - i. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - ii. Present: Johnson, Eyerly, Weeks
 - iii. Absent: Main, Johnston
 - iv. Others:
2. Approval of minutes from April 2, 2025
 - a. Eyerly MOTIONED for approval of minutes; Weeks seconded. All members were in favor.
3. Review agenda.
4. Public Comment
5. New Business
 - a. Arbor Day Foundation Tree Planting and Giveaway Recap
 - i. Smothers thanked those who were able to assist on April 22nd. 15 trees were planted in City park. WHO was on site and did some interview with Teresa Hogue, Mayor Lenner and others. Hy-Vee was onsite as well shooting promotional footage. The Hello Iowa segment will run at a later date. Tree Giveaway went well and we were out of trees in 28 minutes!!! 50 total were distributed during the giveaway. We were able to directly contact a few families who lived along Carver Road and were able to give them trees before we opened up to the public for which they were extremely grateful for.
 - b. 2025 Husky Help Day
 - i. Not a lot of trees are needing to be planted, still have a few to be claimed. Weeks will call those who want trees to see if they want an extra tree as well. Smothers mentioned that maybe this giveaway was hampered by the tree giveaway with Hy-Vee and Arbor Day Foundation. Smothers brought up that it may be an opportunity to re evaluate the tree giveaway program to see if it can be enhanced. Volunteers are lined up and ready to assist. Fire Department is ready to help with initial watering and we have water buckets to provide with each tree that is planted.
 - c. Tree Planting Public Education
 - i. Smothers reviewed rough draft of education material to potentially be delivered to all residents through the utility billing insert. Need to add website and phone number to flyer
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm
8. Next meeting to be held on Wednesday June 4, 2025 at City Hall.