

## **Berkley Tree Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Monday, April 28 2025**

**Time: 7:16 PM – 7:55 PM**

### **Attendance**

**Present: T. Losey (Chair), S. Bard, G. Elrod (secretary), F. Foen, E. Fogle, B. Lathrop**

**Absent: D. Hennen, L. Fritsch, Adam Wozniak**

**Additional Visitors: None**

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- **The March 24, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.**

#### **2. Public Comments: No public comments.**

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

- **The agenda was reviewed and approved as proposed.**

#### **4. New Business**

- **Arbor Day Update**
  - **2 Sweetgum trees successfully planted at Oxford park**
  - **Planning and promotion for Arbor Day 2026 to begin earlier, possibly February and potentially offer incentives for community members to attend such as saplings or crafts as examples**
  - **B. Lathrop wanted to add to the record that the Bacon Park trees planted for Arbor Day 2019 are now deceased; likely due to high water table and high existing tree population**

### **Berkley Farmer's Market**

- **S. Bard spoke to the DDA about having a presence at the market; received application to participate (no cost to nonprofit organizations). Materials available for possible distribution: street tree planting, tree board mission, and kid friendly takeaways such as coloring books. The Board agreed to participate in the Farmers Market tentatively on June 5th as a community engagement event. In addition, Bob volunteered to provide a table, chairs and canopy. Members volunteered to attend and support . E. Fogle from 10 am to 1pm, F. Foen from 12:30 - 3pm and S.**

**Bard from 3-6pm. Other members are encouraged to participate as their schedules allow.**

**5. DPW Update**

- **DPW removed excess mulch from trees along 12 mile and contacted the company responsible for maintenance regarding proper mulching guidelines**
- **Awarded 30 trees from our DTE grant submission for spring tree plantings**

**6. New Business**

- **Boards & Commissions Handbook**
  - **Handbook draft circulated to board members to review.**

**7. City Council Update: Dennis Hennen absent due to a conflict with a concurrent city meeting. Message was passed that council is proposing a budget that would include 200 street trees for each of the next 3 years**

**8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7:00 PM.**