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Parks and Forestry

**TREE BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, June 4, 2026 - 6:00 PM  
North Conference Room**

**Agenda**

- 1) Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes**
  - a) Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2026
- 3) Action Items**
  - a) Transition of Chairperson Duties and Election of New Chairperson
  - b) Enclave Phase 9 Street Tree Approval
- 4) Discussion Items**
  - a) Discussion of staff approved amendments made to the Granville Ridge and Riverland Meadows Street Tree Plans
- 5) Adjourn**

DATED: June 1, 2026

/s/ Carol Bangs, Chair

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**Minutes**

**1) Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Board Member Karen Dredge at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Chair Carol Bangs  
Alderman Robert Strzelczyk  
Board Member Karen Dredge  
Board Member Emily Gehrke  
Alternate Nancy Szatkowski, Absent

Also Present: City Forester Nathan Herlache, DPW Administrative Assistant Honeck, Fred Bersch of Bonnilake Real Estate LLC, President of Northern Exposure Landscaping Fadi Haddad, Milana Mrkalj of Northern Exposure Landscaping

**2) Approval of Meeting Minutes**

a) Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025

<b>MOTION:</b>	Approval of April 22, 2025 Minutes
<b>MOVER:</b>	Alderman Robert Strzelczyk
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Board Member Karen Dredge
<b>AYES:</b>	Chair Carol Bangs, Alderman Robert Strzelczyk, Board Member Karen Dredge, Board Member Emily Gehrke
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

### 3) Action Items

#### a) Granville Ridge Street Tree Approval

City Forester Nathan Herlache presented background information and identified areas where the submitted street tree plan for the Granville Ridge development met City requirements and areas requiring amendment. Discussion items included tree spacing, plan scale, species distribution, and the availability of certain tree sizes.

The Board approved the plan with staff recommendations, plus the following additional amendments (Items 7–11):

7. The applicant must resubmit the street tree plan with proper scaling and sizing clearly shown, in accordance with City requirements. Multiple sheets may be used if necessary. City staff will review and approve the updated plan.
8. On Granville Ridge Circle, tree placement must be revised to use groupings of no more than three (3) of the same species together, with the exception of the curve, where groupings of up to five (5) are acceptable.
9. Along Mequon Road, trees must be grouped in clusters of three (3) of the same species rather than alternating one-for-one.
10. If the required trunk diameter for Kentucky Coffee Tree cannot be obtained, London Planetree is an acceptable substitute.
11. The quantity of Swamp White Oak (originally 62) must be reduced and supplemented with London Planetree, targeting an approximate 50/50 balance. A variance of  $\pm 10$  trees for each species is permitted to accommodate final design adjustments and nursery availability.

The motion to approve the Granville Ridge Street Tree Plan with staff recommendations and the additional amendments listed above passed unanimously.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Approval with Amendments
<b>MOVER:</b>	Alderman Robert Strzelczyk
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Board Member Karen Dredge
<b>AYES:</b>	Chair Carol Bangs, Alderman Robert Strzelczyk, Board Member Karen Dredge, Board Member Emily Gehrke
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

#### b) Riverland Meadows Street Tree Approval

City Forester Nathan Herlache presented background information for the submitted street tree plan for the Riverland Meadows development, noting that the plan met required installation rates, spacing, and species diversity. Items requiring amendment included the plan scale, tree groupings, and orientation details.

The Board approved the plan with staff recommendations, plus the following additional amendments (Items 4-5):

4. The applicant must resubmit the street tree plan with proper scaling and sizing clearly shown, in accordance with City requirements. Multiple sheets may be used if necessary. City staff will review and approve the updated plan.
5. Tree groupings at the entrance and within the cul-de-sac must be revised to be more varied, avoiding long consecutive runs of a single species. The applicant will adjust grouping patterns, and City staff will review the revisions. If staff requires additional input, the item may be returned to the Tree Board for final confirmation.

The motion to approve the Riverland Meadows Street Tree Plan with staff recommendations and the additional amendments listed above passed unanimously.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Approval with Amendments
<b>MOVER:</b>	Alderman Robert Strzelczyk
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Chair Carol Bangs
<b>AYES:</b>	Chair Carol Bangs, Alderman Robert Strzelczyk, Board Member Karen Dredge, Board Member Emily Gehrke
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

#### 4) Discussion Items

#### 5) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Adjourn
<b>MOVER:</b>	Alderman Robert Strzelczyk
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Board Member Karen Dredge
<b>AYES:</b>	Chair Carol Bangs, Alderman Robert Strzelczyk, Board Member Karen Dredge, Board Member Emily Gehrke
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kaitlynn Honeck

DPW Administrative Assistant



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**Parks and Forestry**

**TO: Tree Board**  
**FROM: Nate Herlache, City Forester**  
**DATE: June 4, 2026**  
**SUBJECT: Transfer of Chairperson duties.**

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### **Background**

Current Tree Board Chairperson Carol Bangs has expressed a desire to step away from the duties and responsibilities associated with serving as Chair, while remaining an active member of the Tree Board.

### **Analysis**

The current Chairperson has expressed the intent to step down from the officer position of Chairperson while remaining an active member of the Board. In accordance with standard board procedure, the Board should formally accept the resignation of the Chairperson position and conduct an election for a new Chairperson during a properly noticed public meeting.

Following acceptance of the resignation, nominations for Chairperson may be opened and a vote conducted among Board members present, provided a quorum exists. Upon election, the newly selected Chairperson shall assume presiding duties immediately.

### **Fiscal Impact**

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Board formally accept the resignation of the current Chairperson from the officer position while retaining their membership on the Board, and proceed with the election of a new Chairperson by majority vote of members present.

Attachments:  
None



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**Parks and Forestry**

**TO: Tree Board**  
**FROM: Nate Herlache, City Forester**  
**DATE: June 4, 2026**  
**SUBJECT: Street Tree Approval**

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### **Background**

Excel Engineering submitted a street tree plan for The Enclave at Mequon Preserve, Phase IX. The property is located at Skylark Court, divergent from the existing Tree Sparrow Drive. The plans were designed by Excel Engineering in collaboration with Veridian Homes.

### **Analysis**

The plan meets the requirements of Section 8 of the City of Mequon Policy Manual for Tree Protection and Preservation, including:

- Minimum diameter requirements
- Installation rate
- Installation within the right-of-way
- Installation of a minimum of three (3) different street tree species

The plan does not meet the following requirements as follows:

- Spacing requirements – “Tall” grouping trees closer together than 40’

Staff recommend that the Tree Board consider a more flexible spacing scheme based upon based on preemptive planning to avoid conflicts with driveways and overcrowding within cul-de-sacs, while still maintaining aesthetic continuity and consistency with the spacing patterns established in previous phases. In some instances, shown on the plan, taller grouping trees are proposed within approximately 20 to 25 feet of one another; however, based on the selected species and their anticipated mature forms, significant canopy conflict is not expected. The Tree Board may

also recommend relocating certain trees to adjacent outlots or open space areas to preserve overall tree quantity and canopy coverage while avoiding overcrowding conditions. If supported, the recommendation will be forwarded to Planning Commission for consideration.

**Fiscal Impact**

Street trees are a build and contribute asset for the City. The plan includes the following inventory of trees that will be dedicated to the City as a public asset:

Species	Quantity	%
State Street Maple	6	20%
Common Hackberry	6	20%
Autumn Gold Ginkgo	6	20%
Shademaster Honeylocust	6	20%
	Total: 30	

**Recommendation**

The City Forester recommends that the Tree Board approve The Enclave at Mequon Preserve, Phase IX street tree plan subject to the following conditions:

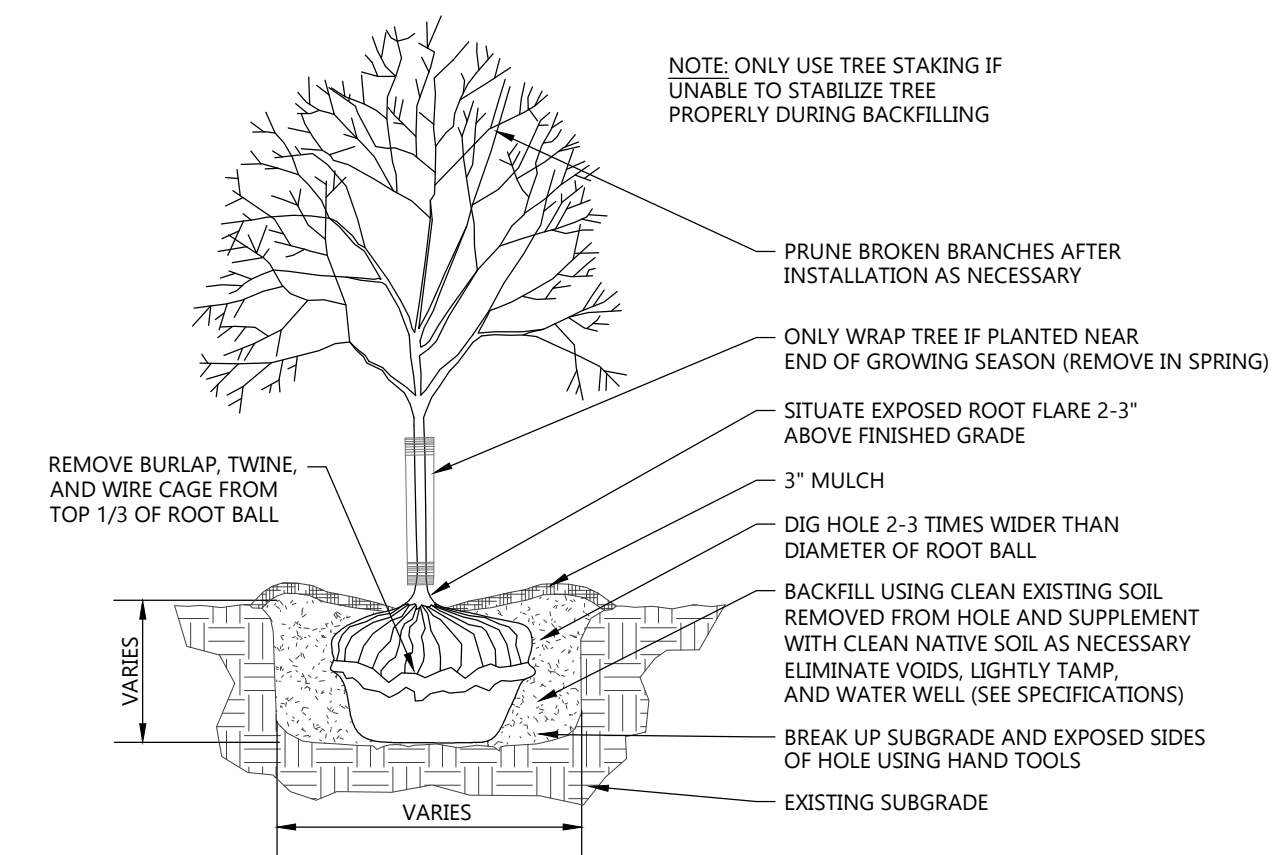
1. Prior to installation, the developer shall contact the City Forester or his associate to go out and inspect the quality of stock and proper installation procedures. The City Forester or his associate will also be called out upon completion of the planting to ensure installation and staking is correct. The developer will be charged a minimal fee for these inspections.
2. Planning Commission approval of alternate spacing, as outlined in the report and represented in the plan moved for approval.
3. Any tree that has died or is damaged beyond repair within 14 months of planting shall be promptly replaced by the developer. The replacement planting shall be of the same size and quality as the approved landscaping plan.

Attachments:  
 Enclave Phase IX 9 Street Tree Plan



PLANT SCHEDULE						
SYMBOL	COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	QUANTITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PLANTED SIZE	ROOT
<b>DECIDUOUS TREES</b>						
	State Street Maple	Acer miyabei 'Morton'	6	20%	3" CAL	B&B
	Common Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	6	20%	3" CAL	B&B
	Autumn Gold Ginkgo	Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold'	6	20%	3" CAL	B&B
	Shademaster Honeylocust	Gleditsia triacanthos 'Shademaster'	6	20%	3" CAL	B&B
	Espresso Kentucky Coffeetree	Gymnocladus dioica 'Espresso'	6	20%	3" CAL	B&B

LANDSCAPING CALCULATIONS		
ZONE	REQ. PLANTS	PLANTS PROVIDED
STREET TREES	1 TREE PER 40' OF STREET FRONTAGE 1,170' / 40' = 29.25	30 STREET TREES



PARCEL I  
LOT 3  
CSM. NO. 3723  
DOC. NO. 888068  
ADDRESS: 10565 N. WAUWATOSA ROAD



LANDSCAPE PLAN

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COLLABORATION

**VERIDIAN HOMES**

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION PHASE IX  
**THE ENCLAVE AT MEQUON PRESERVE**  
NORTH WAUWATOSA ROAD • MEQUON, WI

PROFESSIONAL SEAL

PRELIMINARY DATES  
APR. 22, 2026

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**Buildings and Grounds**

**TO: Tree Board**  
**FROM: Nate Herlache, City Forester**  
**DATE: June 4, 2026**  
**SUBJECT:**

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### **Background**

Staff previously presented the Granville Ridge and Riverland Meadows Street Tree Plans for Tree Board review and action. Both plans were reviewed in accordance with City requirements for street tree spacing, species diversity, plan clarity, and installation feasibility. The Tree Board's deliberations and final actions are documented in the respective prior meeting minutes, which should be referenced for full motion language and voting record.

### **Analysis**

City Forester Nathan Herlache provided background on the submitted Granville Ridge Street Tree Plan and identified areas where the plan met City standards as well as areas requiring revision. Key discussion points included tree spacing consistency, plan scale and clarity, species distribution across street segments, and availability of specified tree caliper sizes within the nursery trade.

Following Board discussion, the plan was approved with staff recommendations and additional amendments as recorded in prior minutes. The amendments focused on improving plan clarity and long-term canopy diversity, and included the following requirements:

- Resubmittal of the street tree plan with properly scaled and dimensioned drawings that clearly identify tree sizes, with allowance for multiple sheets as needed; final review and approval to be completed by City staff.
- Revision of tree placement on Granville Ridge Circle to limit groupings of identical species to no more than three consecutive trees, except along the curve, where groupings of up to five are permitted.
- Adjustment of Mequon Road frontage plantings to use clustered groupings of three trees per species rather than alternating single-specimen sequencing.
- Approval of London Planetree as an acceptable substitute should required Kentucky Coffee Tree caliper sizes not be available.

- Modification of species distribution, reducing Swamp White Oak quantities (originally 62) and incorporating London Planetree to achieve an approximate 50/50 species balance, allowing a variance of  $\pm 10$  trees per species to accommodate final layout and nursery availability constraints.

### **Riverland Meadows Street Tree Plan**

The Riverland Meadows Street Tree Plan was similarly reviewed by City staff and the Tree Board, with emphasis on plan scale accuracy, tree grouping patterns, and directional/orientation clarity within the submitted drawings.

The Board approved the plan with staff recommendations and additional amendments as documented in prior meeting minutes. Key required revisions included:

- Resubmittal of the street tree plan with corrected scale and clearly defined tree sizes, consistent with City standards; multiple plan sheets may be used, with final approval by City staff.
- Revision of tree groupings at the subdivision entrance and within cul-de-sac areas to increase species variety and eliminate extended sequences of a single species. The applicant is required to revise grouping patterns accordingly, with City staff reviewing the final submission. If further clarification is needed, the item may be returned to the Tree Board for confirmation.

### **Fiscal Impact**

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Tree Board acknowledge the previously approved amendments to the Granville Ridge and Riverland Meadows Street Tree Plans as documented in prior meeting minutes, and confirm that final approval authority for the resubmitted plans remain with City staff, contingent upon compliance with all required revisions.

Attachments:

None