



**City of Pass Christian Tree Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 16,2026**

Board Members Present: Terry Gibson, Melinda Taylor, Lolita Welch, Mariah Furtze

Board Members Absent: Brandi Viator, Avra O'Dwyer, Chris Daniels (alternate)

Staff Members Present:

Melodie Hayes, City Planner

Brad Manus, Beautification Director & City Arborist

Audience Present: None

1. Call To Order

Board Chairman Terry Gibson at 10:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined with the above-mentioned board members present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chairman Terry Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Board Member Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda for March 19, 2026. Board Member Furtze seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Minutes Approval

Board Member Welch made a motion to approve minutes from February 19, 2026, meeting; Board Member Taylor seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion

a. Beginning prep work for creating tree planting plans

Staff would like the tree board members to start looking at what is a good suggestion for tree planting plans around the city.

b. Miscellaneous

City staff would like members to be in the habit of having monthly meetings even if there is not anything on the agenda.

Board members can refer to the permitted tree list supplied by the city staff to view permits issued administratively.

Staff reminded the board it is a requirement to try to make the meetings and do understand circumstances happen, but to try not to miss more than three meetings a year.

The revised tree ordinance did not make the April 21, 2026 Board of Aldermen meeting but should be able to be presented by staff on the May 5, 2026 meeting.

Board Members stated they would like to work with the City Beautification Department and the Park Committee to get more trees planted at the Henderson Park and at the baseball field by the tennis court.

There are trees on 2nd Street that will need to be replanted at some point, and the tree board would like to get notification of planting schedules from the Arborist and the Beautification department.

7. Adjournment

Board Member Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Furtzer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

Passed and approved on the 21st Day of May 2026.

Melodie Hayes

City Planner

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