

HARRODSBURG TREE BOARD MINUTES

06/15/2026

Present: Jessica Bessin, Sarah Shewmaker, AllenBush, Laura Baird and Suni Ashton
Ruth Webb was unable to attend this month's meeting.

5:03 p.m.- Meeting called to order

05/18/26 meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Allen Bush and seconded by Jessica Bessin.
Motion passed.

May 2026 Financial Report: Motion to approve by Laura Baird and seconded by Jessica Bessin.
Motion passed.

Special Guest in attendance via Zoom, Mike Hayman. Mike is a contractor with Trees Louisville (TL). TL are planting trees along the highways and city streets. Such planting have taken place along Bardstown Road, as well as Logan and Shelby Streets. TL is putting a big focus on soil work. They are helping the tree roots with tree wells sized at 5 x 8 ft. Happy roots equal a happy tree. TL also focuses on protecting the established tree canopies in Louisville and strives toward providing more canopy cover for the city.

The Board plans to have Mike speak at a future event that will be open to the community. We are looking at some time this October so it lines up with our Fall 2026 plantings.

Round Robin

Suni: Trees at West Lane Park are doing ok. There are 2 or 3 that look a little bit crispy.

Grant Updates

The 2027 LGE/KU Grant application opens up on October 1st and closes on October 31st.

TB was awarded a \$2,000.00 grant for 2026-2027 from The Harrodsburg Mercer County Tourism Board. However, this award comes with a "Grant Agreement" that requires a signature. The Board votes to sign the agreement if we are waived from volunteering at Tourism Board's hosted events. This portion of the agreement was waived for the TB last year.

Other Business

A budget of at least \$385 will be allotted for the purchase of supplies and replacement plants to be planted at the Veteran's Park Bataan War Memorial. TB will be planting Bush Service berry, Beauty Berry and Oak Leaf Hydrangea at the park.

The Tree Board votes to cover the \$110.00 fee for the pesticide license for Steve Ransdell of Anderson Dean Park.

Motion to approve by Allen Bush and seconded by Jessica Bessin. Motion passed.

The Tree Board votes to have a max budget of \$500.00 for an Educational Display. Such items the board wished to purchase include folding tables, canopy tent, table clothes and possible items to give out at events.

Motion to approve by Jessica Bessin and seconded by Laura Baird. Motion passes.

Possible Table Events

- August- Pioneer Days
- September- Oktoberfest
- September 8th- Open House at the Mercer County Extension Office

Sarah and Jessica have prior engagements and will be out of town on the 3rd Monday of July. So, our next meeting will be held on July 13th, 2026 at 5:00.