

HARRODSBURG TREE BOARD MINUTES

05/18/2026

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

Special guest in attendance: David VonSeggern. David has recently moved to Harrodsburg and is a possible candidate for a new Tree Board member. David's work history includes working as an arborist, a forester and in park management.

5:08 p.m. - Meeting called to order

Corrections of 04/20/26 meeting minutes

The Tree Board has planted **102** trees in a year.

- Spring 2025- **40** trees
- Fall 2025- 29 trees
- Spring 2026- 33 trees

The game plan for the Fall 2026 planting is to plant Ginkgo trees, **replace plants located at the Veteran's Park Bataan War Memorial** and order more Fruit and Nut seedlings from the Kentucky Department of Forestry. Said seedlings will be added to our Native Fruit and Nut Trees Orchard.

04/20/26 meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Jessica Bessin and seconded by Allen Bush.
Motion passed.

April 2026 Financial Report: Motion to approve by Jessica Bessin and seconded by Allen Bush.
Motion passed.

Round Robin

Sarah: Our bank account currently sets at \$1,962.50. This amount will allow the Tree Board room to purchase educational outreach materials and seedlings for the Fall 2026 planting. I have placed water bags on the trees located near the soccer fields at Anderson Dean Park.

- The Tree Board passes a vote to buy 20 more water bags to help aid our 2 year old plantings during this drought that our community is currently facing.

Suni: I will check with the City to see if we would be able to borrow a watering truck to water the trees recently planted at West Lane Park. The Tree Board has invested \$4,000.00 into the park in the hopes that the trees planted there thrive for generations to come.

Grant Updates

Sarah: I expect to hear from the Harrodsburg/Mercer County Tourism Board regarding our grant application soon. I will stop by their office on Thursday. I am also going to start working on the LGE/KU grant report this week. The report is due later this fall.

Other Business

We have not received a single application for a new Tree Board member. The Board will be making a hard push on our Social Media and other forms of community outreach in search for a new member.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.