



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Zoom

Date: April 15, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Lisa Surbrook

IN ATTENDANCE

Lisa Surbrook, Scott Bowers, Kevin Nemeth

CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Surbrook called the meeting to order. Previous meeting minutes from 1/21/26 were approved.

Ongoing Business:

- a. Tree management – Scott Bowers has been caring for the trees by watering and weeding. Our survival rate has been great, approximately 90%.
- b. Events – We had 12 people attend our Earth Day Clean Up and Arbor Day events on April 18th. We read our official Arbor Day Proclamation, highlighting the importance of trees for environmental, economic, and social benefits, urging citizens to plant trees. It will be submitted to the Arbor Day Foundation to finalize the Tree City USA requirements.
- c. Beech Leaf disease and treatment – the committee is researching costs related to treating existing Beech trees.
- d. Upsandowns Native Plant Sanctuary – we removed most weeds in the fall and covered the area with tarps to deter any new weed growth. Additional planning underway for Spring. If anyone is interested in donating native plants, please contact Lisa Surbrook or Roberta Brandao.

New Business: No New Business

UPCOMING VILLAGE ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA TOPICS AND MANAGEMENT

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NEXT MEETING

Next meeting TBD, virtually at <https://bit.ly/Ardencroft>

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously.