

Mayville Tree Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
Jan. 20, 2026, Carlson Community Center, Lakeside Park, 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Pat Appelbe, Sharon Smead, Mark Smith, Laura Marsala, Priscilla McKean, Shannon Bieckark, Jim Cricks

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Arbor Day Week activities continued. Planting will take place at the old school on Chautauqua grounds. Sharon suggested another maple to replace the one that was removed. Laura and Priscilla will attend the Inspire Good group's meeting on Feb. 6 to share our ideas.
2. Laura reported on her presentation to the Town of Chautauqua at its January monthly meeting on Jan. 13 requesting a formal tree board. The request was received with enthusiasm, and the councilmen were in unanimous support. The Town lawyer will begin the paperwork, and a resolution to pass is imminent.
3. Pat reported on her meeting with Principal Rachel Curtain, who seemed amenable to further discussion with potential students and Adam Gollwitzer. Pat will meet again on Jan. 21.
4. Laura confirmed Royal Fern's commitment to present "What are Natives and Why are They Important?" on April 11 for the April Library Tree Series. The remaining three workshops will be determined soon.
5. Discussion on the committee's visibility and work was continued from the last meeting. Discussion will be ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The committee's future relationship with the Village was discussed at length. Due to the strong relationships and collaborations cultivated to date, the committee agreed to keep trying to establish a tree board in Mayville, despite the joint proposal sent to trustees prior to and presented at the Jan. 13 Board of Trustees meeting being met with silence. Pat agreed to reach out individually to the trustees to get their input.
2. Brief discussion was held on replacing the pear trees that line the uptown business district. To be continued.

Open the floor to new business

Adjournment at 7:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 p.m. at the Carlson Center.