

## Mayville Tree Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

March 17, 2026, Carlson Community Center, Lakeside Park, 6:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Pat Appelbe, Sharon Smead, Mark Smith, Laura Marsala, Priscilla McKean, Shannon Bieckark, Cat Hertzell

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Continuing plans for the two Arbor Day celebrations were discussed. Tom Carlson contacted Laura about the VFW's willingness to pay for the town's maple tree. Arrangements will be made to pay for and pick up the tree.
2. Pat reported the school's interest in having a junior tree board member. It was her conclusion that this is something the school is not interested in at this time.
3. Laura reported that the April Library Tree clinics were arranged and being promoted by the CCE Master Gardeners and at the library. It was suggested that we promote the classes to Adam's students and invite the DPW workers.
4. Pat reported that the third-graders' "Tree Day" will be held at the school on May 14, with a rain date of May 19. Nate Morey from the DEC will lead the students on a woods hike and scavenger hunt, and Jon will present his history of Arbor Day again. Other learning stations are planned. Pat will continue to work out the details with Sarah Morrison. Although Adam expressed interest in his students participating somehow, the committee has not had a response about it.
5. Best practices and the recording of bad practices (ice dumped into the grove, planting without removing the wire basket and burlap, weed whipping, snowmobiles allowed in the grove (compaction of soil) were discussed. Members were asked to record/photograph any malpractices to help create a best practices guide.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Shannon suggested a future collaboration with the Lions Club, perhaps for Earth Day 2027.
2. New ideas discussed included creating audio/visual lessons with Adam's students; potting up extra trees left from the library drawings and Inspire Good's Earth Day giveaway and giving them to uptown merchants to liven up the outdoor area; having the school shop class make ID plaques for the new trees in Lakeside Park; offering onsite special classes for the DPW workers; and asking if the school is interested in becoming a Tree Campus K-12.

### Adjournment at 7:18 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. at the Community Room, 1 S. Erie St.