

MEETING MINUTES
Urban Forest Commission
March 20, 2025

Attendees:

UFC in attendance: Tom Mauntel, Beth Rosplock, Vicki Kyle, Todd Herrmann

UFC not in attendance: Johnna Herrmann

Public Works in attendance: Jason James, Kenny Allen

Guest in attendance from the Kentucky Division of Forestry

The meeting of the Urban Forest Commission (UFC) was called to order by Tom Mauntel at the Erlanger Public Works facility on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes – January Meeting

The January meeting minutes were approved by Vicki Kyle and Beth Rosplock.

Guest presentation and discussion

- John Baggett, the urban and community forestry partnership coordinator for the Kentucky Division of Forestry was a guest at the meeting
- John is the person from the KY Division of Forestry who reviews and endorses the Tree City USA participation to the Arbor Day Foundation.
- John stated: This is the 3rd straight year that Erlanger is being recognized by the Kentucky Division of Forestry/Arbor Day Foundation as being a Tree City USA! This remarkable achievement is a testament to the dedication of your department, city leadership, and the Urban Forest Commission in nurturing and enhancing Erlanger's trees. On behalf of the Kentucky Division of Forestry, thank you all for your hard work and dedication to Erlanger's community forest.
- John delivered our review packet to Jason for our records.
- John will return for a parks visit at a future date.

Spring Arbor Day Update

- The Spring 2025 Arbor Day event will be held at the new Public Works (PW) facility on Thursday, April 17.
- The event will be hosted by the UFC and the Public Works Department from 5-8.
- Residents can drive through the facility and pick up tree seedlings.
- 50 Ginkgo Biloba, 50 Redbud, and 50 Red Maple seedlings will be available.
- Public Works will work with the City to advertise the tree giveaway event.

Future Commission Projects

- Kenny announced the PW plan to plant several trees by the lake at Flagship Park: 5 choke cherry, 6 crimson frost birch, 1 stellar pink dogwood.
- Kenny announced the PW plan to plant several trees by the trail at Flagship Park: 6 musashino columnar zelkova, 3 ruby sunset maple.

- Kenny announced the PW plan to plant several trees in front of the Public Works building: 6 slender silhouette sweetgum, 3 red dragon japanese maple, 1 sweet bay magnolia.

Topics for April meeting:

- Join with Public Work and distribute 150 Arbor Day trees.

Adjournment: Tom Mauntel made a motion to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. Vicki Kyle seconded the motion.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 17 at 4:00 p.m. at the new Public Works facility

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Johnna Herrmann, UFC Secretary

APPROVED:

Attested by:

Sherry Hoffman, City Clerk