

Community Forestry Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Location: Parks & Recreation Administration Office, 3131 O Street, Lower-Level Conference Center

Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Members Present: Lachel Bradley-Williams, Erin Chambers, Jess Gieseke (arrived at 4:04 p.m.), Brian Munk, Ann Powers, Mark Wilson
Members Absent: None
Staff Members Present: Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Brad Brandt, Chris Myers, Adam Klingenberg, Kaylyn Comstock, Mike Comstock, JJ Yost, Grace Parsons (Intern), Angela Quinn
Other Departments Staff Present: Danielle Vachal, LTU
Members of the public present: None

A regular meeting of the Community Forestry Advisory Board was held at the Parks & Recreation Administration Office/Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on the 8th day of July 2026. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in the following three public places, the designated methods for giving notice: the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department website starting on July 1, 2026, the City Clerk's bulletin board, starting on July 1, 2026; and the Lincoln Journal Star on June 30, 2026. Notice of this meeting was given to the Chairperson and all persons of this Board, and a copy of the agenda is attached to the minutes.

Agenda items

1. **Call to Order:** Lachel Bradley-Williams called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and recognized the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall.
2. **Roll Call:** Roll was called. Quorum was present.
3. **Minutes from the February 11, 2026 meeting and the April 8, 2026 meeting were approved.** Motion made by Ann Powers and seconded by Erin Chambers. Upon roll call vote, motion was unanimously approved.
4. **Introductions:** Director, Maggie Stuckey-Ross, asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and share their affiliation with the Community Forestry Advisory Board or Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department.

Jess Gieseke arrived at 4:04 p.m.

5. **LTU Updates:** Danielle Vachal, Engineering Services Manager discussed the struggle with the balance of right-of-way trees during street widening and evaluating trees ahead of construction. Follow through with homeowners regarding trees to be removed has not been ideal, but LTU is working on improving that communication. Internal discussions will also be ongoing regarding means for replacement of trees being removed due to construction projects. Coordination of processes will be a priority moving forward. Discussion was also held regarding communication with homeowners vs. renters, and tree voucher logistics.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. **Outreach/Education/Events:** Lachel Bradley-Williams. Arbor Day LNK was once again a big success, even with rain in the last hour of the event. All trees were distributed and the community was excited to receive.

7. Policy/Regulation/Board Development: Upcoming meetings to be determined. No report.

8. Director's Report: Maggie Stuckey-Ross. Teams are working hard in the field. A Community Forestry Strategist, Brad Brandt, has been added to assist with partnerships and policies, and will be meeting with various department representatives soon.

9. EAB Response & Recovery/Community Forestry Crew Activity: Chris Myers and Adam Klingenberg. EAB treatment has been completed for the year with approximately 1,900 trees being treated. Crews have been pruning trees since late fall. Contractual EAB tree removals are ongoing with stump removals yet to be completed. EAB has now been identified in all areas of Lincoln.

10. Volunteer Tree Planting Projects for 2026: Kaylyn Comstock. Ordering will begin within the next few weeks for fall tree planting, and the first volunteer coordination meeting will be at the end of the week. There are currently ten volunteer groups who will be assisting with fall plantings. Another free tree distribution will be held at the Wild Fall Festival at Pioneers Park again this year.

11. Public Comment from non CFAB members for items not listed on the agenda. None.

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Next regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 12, 2026.