

Tree Committee Meeting

Location: Community Development Conference Room

Minutes

August 5, 2026

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM

Members present: Debra Carr (1), Jeremy Herring (7), Pamela Manners (5), Susan Peterson (4), Jamie Tamburo (2).

Excused: Doug Deluca (6).

City Council or Staff present: Mr. Jerry Creel, Director of Community Development, Brad Manus, City contracted arborist.

II. **Minutes:** July 1, 2026 minutes were approved.

III. **Public Comment:** Before the Public Comment Susan Peterson welcomed the guests for attending and reminded them to sign-in. This sign-in sheet will be attached to the August minutes. She reminded the public that there is only 15 minutes (per the newly adopted LDO) for public comment and that the comments should only have to do with "trees."

There was no public comment and there were no guests.

IV. **Ongoing Business:**

Updates / Arborist Report:

A. Mr. Creel let us know the City of Biloxi still is actively looking for a City Arborist and the job is still posted on the City web site. He presented the List of Trees removed. There were only 16 trees and each Tree Committee member received a copy. No healthy protected trees were removed. All trees have been documented with photos. If there were any questionable trees he would have contacted Brad Manus, City contracted arborist. Two of the trees were owned by the City. Some more trimming and pruning will be done over the City roads. The local post office has requested higher clearance for their new postal trucks. Code enforcement is out checking the roads they have asked to have trees trimmed back. This will also help the school buses pass through easily too. The List of Tree Permit trees will be attached to the August 2026 minutes.

He also made an announcement about Chick fil A. It should be finished by the end of this month. Additionally, he stated the Moffett Rd development was sold to another

developer by Dr, Raines. They will meet the original Tree Mitigation plans that were approved.

Mr. Creel announced the Tree LDO was passed by the Planning Commission, who also held a workshop first and the City Council. The City Council thanked the members who participated in this long process. It will be updated on the City of Biloxi Tree web page.

B. Site Visits and Recommendations: There were none.

C. Committee Reports:

- DRC Attendance: Susan Peterson attended these DRC meetings on July 8th and July 15th. There weren't any DRC meetings on July 22nd and July 29th. No one attended on August 5th as there were no trees on the agenda.
- PRC / Communications: An article was written by Susan Peterson for the August BNews on the "Shade Trees of Benachi Avenue.
- COB Majestic Tree Applications: None.
- Majestic Tree Program: None.

V. Current Business:

- Tree Committee Member Comments: Debra Carr discussed the Mitigation Trees she asked the Tree Committee members to consider at Sherman Cannan Port. The Tree Committee discussed the need. There is accessible water. Debra Carr made a motion for five live oak trees to be planted with the direction of the City contract arborist for their placement. The motion was seconded and all the Tree Committee members present voted unanimously. This motion will be written up and forwarded to Mr. Creel who will forward it with our other Mitigation requests to the Mayor for his approval and then a vote by City Council.
- Chairperson / Secretary Comments: Susan Peterson resubmitted the Greater and Lesser Hopkins Live Oak Trees to the Societe Des Arbres for the State Majestic Tree Program. These trees are located on Hopkins Blvd.
- We are waiting for maps and direction from MS State on the Grant applications we submitted. They will be forwarded by email to each Tree Committee member when available.
- Reports to the City: None

VI. Old Business / New Business: None

VII. Meeting Adjournment: 3:50 PM.

Owner	Permit Number	Address	Trees removed/t	Diameter	Contractor	Date issued
COB	202600997	Penzoil Park	remove 1 Oak	12"	Wrights Tree Service	6/1/2026
COB	202600997	385 Churchhill Ave	1 Oak	12"	Wrights Tree Service	6/1/2026
Lynne Olson	202601081	236 Dewey Cir	2 Oaks	28" & 32"	Southern Tree Surgery, LLC	6/11/2026
Bar 124 Keller, LLC	202601134	124 Keller Ave	1 Magnolia		owner	6/22/2026
Eugene Brezany	202601166	143 Iberville Dr	1 Oak	6'	owner	6/25/2026
Kurt Higgins	202601169	231 Rue Petit Bois	1 Oak		Southern Tree Surgery, LLC	6/26/2026
Biloxi School	202601170	771 Elder St	1 tree		Tractor Tree & Turf	6/26/2026
August Parker	202601255	937 Bay Shore Dr	2 Oaks	38" & 20"	owner	7/9/2026
Susan Gutierrez	202601267	171 Saint John	1 Oak	58"	Wrights Tree Service	7/10/2026
Robert Eldred	202601266	2247 Popps Ferry Rd	1 Oak	30"	Southern Magnolia	7/14/2026
Jill Jones	202601279	164 1st St	Trim limbs		owner	7/14/2026
Meritage Homes	202601296	1654 Beach Blvd	2 Oaks	30"	Kingdom Cutters	7/15/2026
Sharon Myers	202601353	2555 Marshall rd	Trim limbs		Advanced Contracting Service	7/27/2026
Sharon Myers	202601380	2555 Marshall Rd	4 Oaks	19",21",23",23"	Advanced Contracting Service	7/30/2026
Venture Homes, LLC	202601373	11068 Shorecrest Rd	2 Oaks	14", 8"	owner	7/30/2026
Forever Young Mens	202601372	2329 Pass Rd	1 Oak	24"	Necaise Tree Service	7/31/2026

