



City of Clarksville Tree Board

June 10, 2026 at 4:00 PM
City Hall
4th Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Breah Banks.

2. Announce Members in Attendance (Verify Quorum)

Members in attendance: Breah Banks, Derek Cooke, Suzanne McCafferty, Jody Issacs, and Kenneth Klein.

3. Adoption of Minutes

A. April 8, 2026

Ms. Banks moved to adopt the minutes from April 8th, 2026. Derek seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Public Comments

Karen Reynolds presented a 25,000 dollar AARP grant to improve pedestrian safety and increase canopy coverage. Collaboration with multiple organizations will focus on traffic calming and tree planting.

5. Forestry Report

A. TAEP Inspection

Kathrine Killebrew reported that they successfully passed the state inspection for the Tennessee grant, noting that "tree diapers" were effective for maintaining tree health.

6. New Business

A. Announce New Members

i. Suzanne McCafferty

Suzanne McCafferty introduced herself at the April meeting.

ii. Kenneth Klein

Kenneth Klein, a new board member with an educational background in environmental science, fisheries, and wildlife management, and an ISA-certified arborist, introduced himself to the group.

B. Outreach Opportunities

i. Mayor's Summer Night Lights

The board reviewed the event schedule, running from June 16th to July 28th, and discussed members' availability to staff the table. The goal is to have members present to engage with the public, promote the tree board's role in the community, and provide outreach materials, including a QR code for additional information.

ii. Downtown Market

Members explored the possibility of setting up at downtown markets but noted that space is strictly regulated and capacity is limited.

C. FY 26 Remaining Budget

The board confirmed they have \$1,490 remaining in the FY26 budget. Ms. Banks made a motion to prioritize spending this money on purchasing additional trees, while reserving a portion for event supplies such as stickers and seeds. Mr. Cooke seconded, and the motion passed.

D. FY 2027

i. Budget

Mr. Palmore presented the FY 27 budget. The proposed FY27 budget is \$10,750, with allocations including \$2,000 for education, \$6,250 for Tree Keeper software, and \$2,500 for general supplies.

ii. Goals

The board also expressed interest in pursuing future grants to secure additional trees.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Banks motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Isaacs seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.