



# NAPPANEE TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## Date, Time & Location:

Monday, January 5, 2026 — 5:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 300 W. Lincoln St.

## Board Members:\*

Abbot Martin • Donnie Aleo • Steve Gall

## Meeting Agenda:

1. **Call to Order**
  - a. **Call to order:** Called to order by President Abbot Martin at 5:02 pm
2. **Election of Officers**
  - a. **Motion:** To reelect Abbot Martin as President and Steve Gall as Vice President
  - b. **Action:** Donny Aleo moved, Steve Gall seconded, and approved unanimously 3-0.
3. **Roll Call**
  - a. **Present:** Abbot Martin, Steve Gall, Donny Aleo
  - b. **Absent:** None
  - c. **Also Present:** Crystal Reinhard, Tree Board Liaison
4. **Approval of the Minutes from October 13, 2025**
  - a. **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the October 13, 2025, meeting as printed.
  - b. **Action:** Donny Aleo moved, Abbot Martin seconded, and approved unanimously 3-0.
5. **Petitions and Comments by Citizens**
  - a. **Petition by Sonya Beach, 475 E Marion St**
    - i. **Background:** The petitioner requested removal of two city trees on her property along S Summit Street citing sidewalk damage from tree roots and concerns regarding tree condition. A contractor reportedly advised removal prior to sidewalk replacement. City inspection found the trees to be in fair condition, with roots lifting sidewalk panels and canopy encroachment toward the curb and street.
    - ii. **Discussion:** The Board discussed the mature size and species of the trees, the value of existing canopy, sidewalk conditions common throughout the neighborhood, and the potential loss of canopy if removal were approved. Members noted the petitioner was not present at the meeting and that no follow-up information regarding sidewalk replacement

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or replanting plans had been provided. Possible future planting locations along Marion Street were discussed should removal be reconsidered.

- iii. **Motion:** To deny the request for tree removal at this time pending additional information regarding sidewalk replacement plans and future tree planting, and to authorize routine trimming and maintenance of the subject trees
- iv. **Action:** Donny Aleo moved, Steve Gall seconded, and approved unanimously, 3-0.

## 6. Unfinished Business

- a. None

## 7. New Business

- a. None

## 8. Adjournment

- a. **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting
- b. **Action:** Donny Aleo motioned, Steve Gall seconded, motion carried unanimously 3-0.
- c. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM

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Abbot Martin, President

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Steve Gall, Vice President