

Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2026 – 4:00 PM

Korte Recreation Center

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

A motion to open the meeting was made by Thomas Friedrich and seconded by Kathryn Comish.

Roll Call

Present:

- Thomas Friedrich
- Jill Lawson
- Linda Montayne
- Kathryn Comish
- Mindy Stoff
- Larry Brammer

Absent:

- None

Notes:

- Kurt Vonder Haar has moved from the City of Highland and has resigned from the Tree Commission.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Linda Montayne and seconded by Jill Lawson to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026, Tree Commission meeting.

Requests from the Community

- None

Unfinished Business

- Removal of dead trees at the Cemetery is in progress and will continue as weather and time allow.

New Business

- Restoration of the “Welcome to Highland” signs has begun. The sign located on Route 143 near the KC Hall has been completed and looks good. Additional signs will be completed one at a time.
- Pruning of trees throughout various parks is ongoing. A tree was brought down by wind at Spindler Park.
- Community events update:
 - The Community Market will begin Tuesday, May 5, and run through September 29. Vendor interest has been strong.
 - Bands have been finalized for Thursday Night Concerts.
 - Shakespeare in the Park will take place on Tuesday, August 18, as a free event.
- Cemetery and landscaping updates:
 - Plans are in place to replace several dead arborvitae and add new ones along the cemetery berm.
 - Arborvitae at Glik Park will also be replaced.
 - Flowers have been ordered for hanging baskets around the square and planter boxes in Plaza Park.
 - Andrea Garson will coordinate this project. Mindy Stoff will contact her to offer assistance.
 - Planting and installation should be completed by Mother’s Day.
- The Garden Club will host a plant sale in the KRC parking lot on Saturday, May 9.
- A city wide cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 16. Dumpsters will be located at the Quarterback Club parking lot. See Highland Happenings for additional details.
- Both Glik Park entrance signs have been replaced—one at the Sportsman Road entrance and one at the rear entrance near Ace Hardware.

Commission Member Requests

- There is currently an opening on the Tree Commission. Anyone interested or with recommendations is encouraged to reach out.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathryn Comish and seconded by Mindy Stoff. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
Korte Recreation Center

Remaining 2026 Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, October 6
- Tuesday, December 1