

**AGENDA
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2025 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL CENTER 2 EAST MAIN STREET**

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2. Roll Call.**
- 3. Minutes – Review and Approval.**
 - A.** Motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the October 14, 2025 Natural Resources Commission meeting.
- 4. New Business.**
 - A.** Illinois Department of Natural Resources Presentation.
- 5. Old Business.**
- 6. Committee Reports.**
 - A. Education and Outreach.**
 - B. Engagement.**
 - C. Advisory.**
 - D. Ad-Hoc – Fox River Dam Task Force Update.**
- 7. Communications.**
 - A.** Motion to accept and place on file Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for October 2025.
- 8. Public Comment.**
- 9. Additional Items from Commissioners and City Staff.**
- 10. Adjourn.**

Next meeting Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

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**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
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LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
OCTOBER 14, 2025**

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Chair. Nagy.

2. Roll Call.

Commissioners Present: Joey Cannizzaro, Tom Galante, Heather Goudreau, Lee Haggas, Steve Leffler, Jeff Mengler, Loren Nagy, Pam Otto, Meagan Provencher, Nick Smith.

Commissioners Absent: Suzi Myers.

Student Members Present: Josie Baird, Megan Doughty, Thais Salinas, Naisha Solanki.

City Liaison Present: Ed Bessner.

Visitor(s): Brian Pohrte.

City Staff Present: Marcelline D'Argento, AJ Reineking.

3. Minutes Review and Approval.

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the September 9, 2025 Natural Resources Commission [NRC or Commission] meeting. Motion by Comm. Leffler, second by Comm. Galante to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:01 p.m.

4. New Business.

A. Pumpkin Smash – Comm. Goudreau confirmed the NRC volunteers that will participate at the pumpkin smash on November 8th. Additional volunteers are welcome.

5. Old Business.

A. NRC and Park District Collaboration – No additional information.

6. Committee Reports.

A. Education and Outreach – Planning has started for the NRC's annual holiday lights recycling collection. Comm. Goudreau will contact Whole Foods Market to determine their interest in participating as a drop-off location. City staff will coordinate pick-up schedules for the NRC at the various drop-off locations.

Comm. Provencher reported St. Charles East High School is hosting a bird walk at Delnor Woods Park on October 19th from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. This information will be shared on the NRC's social media.

- B. Engagement** – None.
- C. Advisory** – None.
- D. Ad-Hoc** – None.

7. Communications. – Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports.

Motion to approve and place on file the Public Services Division tree activity reports for September 2025. Motion by Comm. Mengler, second by Comm. Haggas to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:21 p.m.

8. Additional Items.

- A. Commissioners** – Comm. Leffler requested additional information regarding a White Oak tree in the northwest quadrant of the City that was removed due to excessive trimming around ComEd power lines [as reported on the above-referenced Public Services Division tree activity reports]. City staff will email Comm. Leffler with additional information. Chair. Nagy noted the City is very conservative with parkway tree removals.

Comm. Leffler commented on a new bicycle ordinance recently passed by the City that includes sidewalk restrictions, and expressed the need for additional east/west bicycle paths on Main Street. City staff explained Main Street is maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation, and will follow-up with Comm. Leffler to provide contact information for IDOT staff. Mr. Bessner and Chair. Nagy noted overall the bicycle ordinance was focused on safety.

Chair. Nagy and all present congratulated Comm. Otto on her award from the Kane DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District for Conservation Woman of the Year.

Chair. Nagy requested that NRC members begin to consider recommendations to City Council for alternatives to the City's expiring electric power contract. Additionally, Chair. Nagy requested the NRC, in its advisory role, offer input on sustainable sources of energy.

Comm. Mengler reported a representative from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will attend the November NRC meeting to present information on the Fox River dam and wildlife. Chair. Nagy will invite Mayor Hull, members of City Council and the City Administrator.

- B. City Staff** – Staff reported the NRC's Bird City scarecrow was on display at the Scarecrow Weekend festival. The NRC scarecrow meets the required educational criteria [in part] for St. Charles' Bird City community designation.

Mr. Reineking provided follow-up on items from the September NRC meeting: the City's native stewardship consultant will collect seeds this fall from the prairie area along the Bob Leonard River Walkway prior to the planned burn in the spring,

and trees in that area will be tagged. Additionally, the City will plant 170 parkway trees this fall.

C. Visitor(s) – Mr. Pohrte noted there were a lot of throw-away promotional plastic items at the Scarecrow Weekend event, and suggested less wasteful items might be considered. Chair. Nagy and Comm. Smith will share this information with the St. Charles Business Alliance [Comm. Smith is also a member of the Business Alliance].

9. **Adjournment.** – Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Mengler, second by Comm. Leffler to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:54 p.m.

TREE REPORT TOTALS OCTOBER 2025**TRIMMING - 44****REMOVALS - 38****EMERGENCY REMOVALS - 1****TREE REMOVAL DATA**

WORK	QUAD	SPECIES	DBH	NOTES
Emergency In-House Removal	FW	Elm Vanguard	12	tree uprooted - across road
In-House Removal	SE	Hornbeam American	4	condition
Contract Removal	SW	Crabapple Harvest Gold	2.5	new tree did not survive - replace under warranty
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Columnar Armstrong	2.5	new tree did not survive - replace under warranty
Contract Removal	SW	Planetree Exclamation	2.5	new tree did not survive - replace under warranty
Contract Removal	NW	Maple Armstrong Gold	2.5	new tree did not survive - replace under warranty
Contract Removal	SW	Redwood Dawn	2.5	new tree did not survive - replace under warranty
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Contract Removal	FW	Horsechestnut	2.5	new tree did not survive - replace under warranty
Contract Removal	SE	Hackberry Common	2.5	new tree did not survive - replace under warranty
Contract Removal	SW	Oak Swamp White	2.5	new tree did not survive - replace under warranty
Contract Removal	SW	Lilac Ivory Silk	2.5	new tree did not survive - replace under warranty
Contract Removal	SE	Crabapple Spring Snow	2.5	new tree did not survive - replace under warranty
Contract Removal	SE	Elm Princeton	3	condition
Contract Removal	SE	Lilac	2.5	new tree did not survive - replace under warranty
Contract Removal	SE	Hackberry Common	2.5	new tree did not survive - replace under warranty
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Contract Removal	NE	Pine White	18	PW Water Div work
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Contract Removal	NE	Oak Northern Red	5	poor condition
Contract Removal	SW	Pear Callery	12	damaged by refuse vehicle
Contract Removal	FW	Pine Austrian	15	fungal disease
Contract Removal	FW	Elm American	22	storm damage
Contract Removal	FW	Elm American	12	condition
Contract Removal	NE	Boxelder	18	condition
Contract Removal	NE	Hawthorn	17	condition
Contract Removal	NE	Hawthorn	16	condition
Contract Removal	NE	Hawthorn	21	condition
Contract Removal	NE	Hawthorn	17	condition

WORK	QUAD	SPECIES	DBH	NOTES
Contract Removal	SE	Redbud Eastern	9	main lead failed
Contract Removal	SE	Plum Newport Cherry	6	black knot fungus
Contract Removal	SE	Elm American	35	condition
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	26	damage, decay
Contract Removal	NE	Maple Freeman	16	basal rot, deadwood
Contract Removal	NW	Maple Silver	25	rot, dieback, previous storm damage
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Silver	23	severe deadwood, decay
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	15	poor structure, excess utility line trimming
Contract Removal	FW	Pear Callery	9	removed by Nicor Gas
Contract Removal	NE	Ash Green	18	condition

CITY OF ST CHARLES - PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION

TREE MAINTENANCE REPORT

SUMMARY FY 2025/2026	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	TOTAL
Trimming	116	191	206	142	61	44							760
Removals	26	8	77	31	19	38							199
Emergency Removals	0	0	0	0	0	1							1
Plantings	145	0	0	0	0	170							315
COMMENTS													