

**AGENDA
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
TUESDAY MARCH 10, 2026 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 February 10, 2026 Natural Resources Commission meeting.
- 4. New Business.**
 - A. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus – Juliet Mathey.
 - B. Mayors Monarch Pledge – Chair. Nagy.
 - C. Residential Champion Tree – Chair. Nagy.
 - D. Conservation@Home – Chair. Nagy.
 - E. Railroad Bridge Paint – Comm. Leffler.
 - F. Environmental Impact of City Ordinances – Chair. Nagy.
 - G. Joint Meeting with Batavia and Geneva Commissions – Chair. Nagy.
 - H. Expiring Terms and Upcoming Annual Election of NRC Chairman – Chair. Nagy.
- 5. Old Business.**
 - A. Arbor Day.
 - B. Earth Day / Touch A Tree Truck.
- 6. Committee Reports.**
 - A. Education and Outreach
 - B. Engagement.
 - C. Advisory.
 - D. Ad-Hoc.
- 7. Communications.**
 - A. Motion to accept and place on file Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for February 2026.
- 8. Public Comment.**
- 9. Additional Items from Commissioners and City Staff.**
- 10. Adjourn.**

Next meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

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**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. Roll Call.

Commissioners Present: Tom Galante, Lee Haggas, Steve Leffler, Jeff Mengler, Suzi Myers, Loren Nagy, Pam Otto, Meagan Provencher, Nick Smith.

Commissioners Absent: Joey Cannizzaro, Heather Goudreau.

Student Members Present: 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 January 13, 2026 Natural Resources Commission [NRC or Commission] meeting. Motion by Comm. Leffler, second by Comm. Haggas to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:01 p.m.

4. New Business.

A. Holiday Lights Recap – City staff reported 1,290 pounds of lights were collected for recycling. Past collections totals were: 2025 – 2,958 pounds and 2024 – 1,442 pounds.

5. Old Business.

A. Arbor Day – Planning continued for the annual Arbor Day event. City staff reported that Thompson Middle School was contacted and the school's science department will be participating in the Arbor Day tree planting and school program on April 24th. Chair. Nagy reported tree saplings will be donated by Bartlett Tree Experts, and Wasco Nursery is donating a 2 inch diameter tree for the April 25th joint Earth Day celebration. Planning is going well for the Touch-A-Tree-Truck event which will be held during the Earth Day celebration.

6. Committee Reports.

A. Education and Outreach – Comm. Myers reported this year's NRC school book donation is *A Garden to Save the Birds*. Commissioners will assist in delivering the books to the eleven elementary schools in St. Charles School District 303, and to the St. Charles Public Library. The book donation also fulfills criteria for the City's Bird City USA community designation.

- B. Engagement** – None.
- C. Advisory** – None.
- D. Ad-Hoc** – Chair. Nagy reported the Committee is developing a list of tree species recommended for private planting [not in parkways] and other information as resources for residents to use. This information will be posted on the NRC’s social media.

Comm. Smith reported he had met with most of the City’s aldermen, and spoke with the Mayor and City administrator regarding the NRC’s single use plastic bag initiative. This issue may be considered by city council possibly in late summer. The Commissioners discussed other ways to reduce the use of plastic bags without imposing a bag fee. Comm. Otto noted the importance of educating the public on correct recycling and the fees charged for contaminated plastics sent for recycling. The Commissioners discussed the possibilities of placing multi-bin recycling containers in the downtown area, having local businesses sponsor aesthetic recycling containers for downtown, making outdoor benches from recycled plastic bags and inviting Kane County’s recycling coordinator to an upcoming NRC meeting.

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

Motion to approve and place on file the Public Services Division tree activity reports for January 2026. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Comm. Mengler to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 8:10 p.m.

8. Additional Items.

A. Commissioners – Comm. Provencher and Comm. Leffler discussed residential “conservation@home” and a “certified wildlife habitat” designations.

Chair. Nagy thanked Comm. Myers for recommending the book *Undammed*, which addresses the impact of dams on waterways and fish.

B. City Staff – Staff reported that the City has been approved at the state level as a Tree City USA and has also earned the Growth Award for 2025.

C. Visitor(s) – Mr. Pohrte suggested involving local businesses in reducing plastic waste. For example, restaurants could ask customers if they wanted disposable straws, plastic utensils, napkins, etc.

9. Adjournment. – Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Myers second by Comm. Mengler to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 8:32 p.m.

TREE REPORT TOTALS FEBRUARY 2026
TRIMMING - 793
REMOVALS - 4
EMERGENCY REMOVALS - 0

TREE REMOVAL DATA

WORK	QUAD	SPECIES	DBH	NOTES
In-House Tree Removal	SE	Norway Maple	25	2 severe cracks in trunk
In-House Tree Removal	NE	Ginkgo Biloba	4	lean, poor structure
In-House Tree Removal	NE	Burgundy Belle Red Maple	2	Public Works Engineering sidewalk project
In-House Tree Removal	NE	Autumn Blaze Red Maple	5	condition

SUMMARY FY 2025/2026	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	TOTAL
Trimming	116	191	206	142	61	44	61	212	619	793			2,445
Removals	26	8	77	31	19	38	0	0	2	4			205
Emergency Removals	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0			2
Plantings	145	0	0	0	0	170	0	0	0	0			315
COMMENTS													