

**AGENDA
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2026 7:00 P.M.
POLICE DEPT COMMUNITY ROOM 1515 WEST MAIN STREET 1ST FLOOR**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

3. Minutes – Review and Approval.

Motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the September 8, 2026 Natural Resources Commission meeting.

4. New Business.

A. Holiday Lights Recycling.

B. Waivers for Pumpkin Smash Volunteers.

5. Old Business.

A. Boards and Commissions Meeting Recap.

B. NRC Plan Commission Liaison.

C. Railroad Bridge Update.

6. Committee Reports.

A. Education and Outreach.

B. Engagement.

C. Advisory.

7. Communications.

Motion to accept and place on file Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for September 2026.

8. Public Comment.

9. Additional Items from Commissioners and City Staff.

10. Adjourn.

Next meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

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**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. Roll Call.

Commissioners Present: Doug Denz, Tom Galante, Lee Haggas, Steve Leffler, Jeff Mengler, Suzi Myers, Loren Nagy, Brian Pohrte, Meagan Provencher, Nick Smith.

Commissioners Absent: Pam Otto.

Student Members Present: Lyla Blomquist.

City Liaison Present: None.

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

Visitors Present: Christopher Cudworth.

3. Minutes Review and Approval.

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the August 11, 2026 meeting of the City of St. Charles [City] Natural Resources Commission [NRC or Commission]. 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. Boards and Commissions Meeting.

On Monday, September 28th Mayor Hull will be hosting a leadership meeting for all City Boards and Commissions. Chair. Nagy stated the mayor requested that everyone come prepared with three goals for your board or commission to achieve in 2027, and Chair. Nagy requested the NRC's input. The Commissioners suggested the following goals, from which three will be selected by Chair. Nagy:

- Increase participation in NRC hosted bird walks.
- Expand the annual pumpkin smash and make it more family friendly.
- Support passing a new tree preservation ordinance [in progress].
- Advocate for lead paint clean-up at the railroad bridge [in progress].

(Note: Chair. Nagy reported that the railroad has presented a remediation plan to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency).

- Focus on making the Fox River cleaner *(Note: in lieu of the dam removal)*
- Become a Bee City community.
- Increase recycling in St. Charles.

(Note: Comms. Denz and Smith noted a test program to place additional recycling collection containers in the downtown area was previously suggested).

B. Opportunities for Park District Collaboration.

Chair. Nagy suggested increasing community participation in NRC hosted bird walks by partnering with the Park District. Comm. Pohrte suggested a native seed distribution could also be done in collaboration with the Park District. Comm. Haggas noted the Park District has native plant gardens, which would support the NRC's proposed Bee City community designation. Comm. Myers noted the NRC could also collaborate with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.

5. Old Business.

A. Vice Chair. Position.

The Vice Chair. position will be decided by vote via email. Ballots will be emailed to the Commissioners by City staff, and votes will be collected by staff.

B. NRC Plan Commission Liaison. – Deferred.

6. Committee Reports.

A. Education and Outreach. – None.

B. Engagement.

City staff distributed business-size cards promoting the upcoming Pumpkin Smash. The Commissions will hand out the cards along with candy during trick or treating on Halloween. Pumpkin Smash flyers will also be posted at Public Works, City Hall and on the NRC's and City's social media.

Additionally, flyers promoting the annual holiday lights recycling program will be distributed during the Pumpkin Smash.

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 July 2026 and August 2026. Motion by Comm. Pohrte, second by Comm. Leffler to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:25 p.m.

8. Public Comment.

Mr. Cudworth introduced himself to all present and discussed his background as a birder, wildlife artist, writer and teacher. He also expressed his support for the NRC's role in achieving St. Charles' Bird City community designation. Additionally, Mr. Cudworth offered to guide bird walks and share information on birds with schools.

9. Additional Items.

A. Commissioners. – None.

B. City Staff. – None.

10. Adjournment. – Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Leffler, second by Comm. Denz to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:26 p.m.

TREE REPORT TOTALS SEPTEMBER 2026**TRIMMING - 59****REMOVALS - 33****TREE REMOVAL DATA**

WORK	QUAD	SPECIES	DBH	NOTES
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Sugar	12	central lead decay
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Freeman	10	canopy dieback, condition
Contract Removal	NE	Lilac Peking	11	over-pruning for utility lines
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	24	rot, decay, severe carpenter ant damage
Contract Removal	SW	Mulberry	25	rot, decay, significant lean over parking lot
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	17	rot, decay, significant lean toward road
Contract Removal	SE	Pear Bradford	15	limb failure, storm damage
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	25	deadwood, rot, decay
Contract Removal	SW	Ash Cimmarron	12	EAB
Contract Removal	SE	Elm Triumph	23	damage from sidewalk construction
Contract Removal	SW	Mulberry	20	rot, decay
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	15	central part of tree dead
Contract Removal	SE	Spruce Norway	10	fungus
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Freeman	10	poor condition, canopy dieback
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Sugar	36	storm damage
Contract Removal	NE	Elm Frontier	11	trunk damage source unknown
Contract Removal	NE	Lilac Peking	11	over-pruning for utility lines
Contract Removal	SW	Mulberry	20	obstruction, clearance
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Freeman	10	condition
Contract Removal	SW	Ash White	20	EAB
Contract Removal	NE	Maple Norway	13	rot, decay
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Freeman	10	severe canopy dieback
Contract Removal	SW	Elm American	31	Dutch Elm disease
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Freeman	10	canopy dieback, condition
Contract Removal	SW	Mulberry	20	obstruction, clearance
In-House Removal	SE	Tree of Heaven	9	invasive species
In-House Removal	SE	Tree of Heaven	16	invasive species
In-House Removal	NE	Crabapple Snowdrift	10	condition
In-House Removal	NW	Crabapple Golden Raindrops	7	over-pruning for utility lines, rot, decay
In-House Removal	NE	Crabapple Spring Snow	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	NE	Maple Norway	6	condition

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In-House Removal	SE	Tree of Heaven	12	invasive species
In-House Removal	SE	Pine Eastern White	6	condition

CITY OF ST CHARLES - PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION
TREE MAINTENANCE REPORT

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

SUMMARY FY 2026/2027	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	TOTAL
Trimming	152	83	143	120	59								557
Removals	20	17	153	26	33								249
Plantings	186	0	0	0	0								186
COMMENTS													