AGENDA
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 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 October 13, 2026 Natural Resources Commission meeting.

4. **New Business.**
   A. **Pumpkin Smash Recap.**
   B. **Election of NRC Secretary.**

5. **Old Business.**
   A. **Proposed Amendments to City Ordinance.**
   B. **Holiday Lights Collection Sign-Ups.**
   C. **Tree Preservation Ordinance 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 October 2026.

8. **Public Comment.**

9. **Additional Items from Commissioners and City Staff.**

10. **Adjourn.**

Next meeting Tuesday, December 8, 2026.

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MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
OCTOBER 13, 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: Doug Denz, Lee Haggas, Steve Leffler, Jeff Mengler, Suzi Myers, Loren Nagy, Brian Pohrte, Meagan Provencher, Nick Smith.
Commissioners Absent: Tom Galante, Pam Otto.

Student Members Present: Lyla Blomquist.

City Liaison Present: Ed Bessner.

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 8, 2026 meeting of the City of St. Charles [City] Natural Resources Commission [NRC or Commission]. Motion by Comm. Haggas, second by Comm. Pohrte to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:02 p.m.

4. **New Business.**
   A. **Holiday Lights Recycling. –** The annual holiday lights recycling program was discussed. Collections will begin on Monday, November 23, 2026 and end on Friday, January 15, 2027. Containers for the lights will again be placed at the St. Charles Public Library, City Hall, Pottawatomie Park Community Center, Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, Wasco Nursery and Public Works.
   Comm. Leffler will contact Whole Foods to request their participation as a drop-off site. Student Member Blomquist suggested having St. Charles East High School as a drop off site.
   B. **Pumpkin Smash Waivers and Discussion. –** City staff confirmed that all NRC Members have waivers on file, and distributed waiver forms to be completed by family members and high school volunteers participating in the event. Flyers for the Pumpkin Smash will be posted on NRC and City social media and at St. Charles East High School. Flyers promoting the holiday lights recycling program will be distributed during the event.

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5. Old Business.

A. Boards and Commissions Meeting Recap – Chair. Nagy highlighted information from the recent Boards and Commissions meeting with Mayor Hull. The following are action items for the NRC:

- Two goals from each NRC Committee were requested by January 31, 2027.
- A review of the City's ordinance relevant to the NRC was requested of all NRC Members. Recommendations for amendments to the ordinance were requested and may include having NRC Student Members vote, changing the date of the annual election of the NRC Chairman, etc.
- Boards and Commissions were instructed to elect a Member to serve in the role of Secretary to take meeting minutes [rather than City staff]. The NRC may consider having meeting minutes taken by different Members on a rotating basis.
- Having a role call vote on all motioned agenda items.

B. NRC Plan Commission Liaison. – Alderman Bessner reported that he and Mayor Hull had discussed the NRC's request to have a Member serve as a liaison on the City's Plan Commission. Presentations by the NRC Chairman to the Mayor and City Council were requested.

C. Railroad Bridge Update. – Chair. Nagy informed the Commission of the Union Pacific Railroad's progress and continued plans to remediate the lead paint on and around the railroad bridge over the Fox River.

6. Committee Reports.

A. **Education and Outreach. –** Comm. Myers recommended *Nature's Best Hope* for the NRC's annual book donation to the City's schools. Chair. Nagy requested that Mades Johnstone School be placed on the donation list. A summary of the book is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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 2026. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Comm. Provencher to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 8:02 p.m.

8. Public Comment. – None.

9. Additional Items.

A. Commissioners. – Comm. Myers recommended having a joint meeting with the NRC, the Geneva Natural Resources Committee and the Batavia Environmental Commission. The joint meeting is planned to be hosted by St. Charles in February 2027.

Comms. Pohrte and Leffler suggested focusing the recommended legacy tree ordinance to residential areas in the City's historic district and discussed having replacement trees planted.

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B. City Staff. – None.

10. Adjournment. – Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Leffler, second by Comm. Myers to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 8:26 p.m.

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TREE REPORT TOTALS OCTOBER 2026
TRIMMING - 138
REMOVALS - 5

TREE REMOVAL DATA

WORK	QUAD	SPECIES	DBH	NOTES
In-House Removal	SE	Crimson King Maple	10	trunk wound, dieback
In-House Removal	SE	Common Hackberry	14	Public Works water main break repair
In-House Removal	NE	Black Walnut	18	Public Works water well site work
In-House Removal	NE	Bitternut Hickory	13	Public Works water well site work
In-House Removal	NE	Black Walnut	15	Public Works water well site work

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	138							**695**
Removals	20	17	153	26	33	5							**254**
Plantings	186	0	0	0	0	0							**186**

COMMENTS

Fall tree planting will be reported in November.