

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF ST. CHARLES**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING**  
**LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN**  
**TUESDAY MAY 12, 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 April 14, 2026 Natural Resources Commission meeting.
- 4. New Business.**
  - A. Rain Garden/Green Infrastructure Policy and Incentives [deferred from April] – Comm. Leffler.
  - B. City Wide Native Habitat Corridor Program [deferred from April] – Comm. Leffler.
  - C. Water Conservation Program – Comm. Leffler.
  - D. Shared Document Storage – Comm. Pohrte.
  - E. Driveway/Sidewalk Guidelines New Business Construction – Comm. Pohrte.
  - F. NRC Onboarding Process – Chair. Nagy.
  - G. Request Ordinance Change for Election of Chairman – Chair. Nagy.
  - H. Annual Election of Chairman.
- 5. Old Business.**
  - A. Touch a Tree Truck Recap – Chair. Nagy.
  - B. Arbor Day Celebration Recap – Chair. Nagy.
  - C. Railroad Bridge EPA Update – Chair. Nagy.
- 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 April 2026.
- 8. Public Comment.**
- 9. Additional Items from Commissioners and City Staff.**
- 10. Adjourn.**

**Next meeting Tuesday, June 9, 2026.**

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**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING  
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN  
APRIL 14, 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:** Joey Cannizzaro, Tom Galante, Heather Goudreau, Lee Haggas, Steve Leffler, Jeff Mengler, Suzi Myers, Loren Nagy, Pam Otto, Meagan Provencher, Nick Smith.

**Commissioners Absent:** None.

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

**City Liaison Present:** Ed Bessner.

**Visitor(s):** Mayor Clint Hull.

**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 March 10, 2026 Natural Resources Commission [NRC or Commission] meeting. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Comm. Mengler to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:01 p.m.

**4. New Business.**

**A. Arbor Day Proclamation, Stewardship Award, School Program**

The Arbor Day Proclamation will be read at the City Council meeting on Monday, April 20th. The Arbor Day Stewardship Award will be presented to former NRC Commissioner Kathy Brens at the meeting as well. The Arbor Day program and tree planting will begin at 11:20 a.m. at Thompson Middle School on Friday, April 24th.

**B. Annual Election of NRC Chairman. – Deferred.**

**C. St. Charles Boards and Commissions.**

Mayor Hull was in attendance and discussed his recent meetings with the chairpersons of the City's various Boards and Commissions. Mayor Hull noted the value of having experienced members on the City's Boards and Commissions, versus the benefit of offering other residents an opportunity to serve and developing future leaders.

Comm. Otto suggested creating "auxiliary" NRC members that would continue to be involved with the NRC and with special events such as Arbor Day, the annual pumpkin smash, etc.

Some of the Commissioners suggested improved onboarding for newly appointed Commission members and updated training for seated members.

**D. Green Initiatives for Local Restaurants and Businesses** – Comm. Leffler suggested offering incentives for local restaurants and businesses to reduce their use of plastic bags, plastic utensils and disposable containers. Incentives could also be offered to businesses that implement green practices such as cooking oil recycling and the use of environmentally friendly products. Comm. Smith noted the types of products used for food service are often selected based on how well the products maintain the quality of the food, especially in to-go containers. Comm. Smith also noted recycling can be very expensive for restaurants. An incentive program may be discussed with City Council and the St. Charles Business Alliance in the future.

**E. Rain Garden/Green Infrastructure Policy and Incentives.** – Deferred.

**F. City Wide Native Habitat Corridor Program.** – Deferred.

**5. Old Business.**

**A. Arbor Day** – The Arbor Day program and tree planting at Thompson Middle School will begin at 11:20 a.m. on Friday, April 24th.

**B. Earth Day / Touch A Tree Truck** – Plans are in place for the joint Earth Day and Touch a Tree Truck event at Hickory Knolls on April 25th. Approximately 200 people are expected.

**6. Committee Reports.**

**A. Education and Outreach** – Comm. Myers reported she had recently presented information on St. Charles' Bird City community designation at the Rotary Club of St. Charles-Geneva. Her presentation was well received.

Additionally, in support of World Migratory Bird Day, a clean-up and bird walk will be held at Tekakwitha Woods, and Comm. Otto will lead a bird walk in Delnor Woods on May 3rd.

**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 March 2026. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Comm. Otto to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 8:19 p.m.

**8. Public Comment.** – None.

**9. Additional Items.**

**A. Commissioners** – Comm. Myers noted International Dark Skies week is from April 13 to April 20.

Comm. Leffler requested an update on the lead paint recently found by the railroad bridge. Mr. Reineking stated the EPA and City Council have been informed of this issue, and resolution is in progress. The City Administrator has not yet received a response from Union Pacific Railroad.

**B. City Staff** – None.

**C. Visitor(s)** – None.

- 10. Adjournment.** – Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Smith, second by Comm. Leffler to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 8:22 p.m.

**CITY OF ST CHARLES - PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION**  
**TREE MAINTENANCE REPORT**

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

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	797	209	3,451
Removals	26	8	77	31	19	38	0	0	2	4	31	18	254
Emergency Removals	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Plantings	145	0	0	0	0	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	315
COMMENTS													

## TREE REPORT TOTALS APRIL 2026

**TRIMMING - 209****REMOVALS - 18**

## EMERGENCY REMOVALS - 0

## TREE REMOVAL DATA

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