

ELKINS TREE BOARD | MEETING MINUTES

Darden House | March 3, 2026 • 5:37 – 6:33pm

PRESENT:; Linda Burke, Vice Chair; Linda Silva, Treasurer; Nanci Fregonara, Communications; Iris Allen, Secretary; Cody Kerns, Member; Melissa Thomas Van-Gundy, Member

NOT PRESENT: Marilyn Cuonzo, Chair; Stephanie Beck, Member

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MINUTES:

FREGONARA MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2026 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

- No new purchases, same amount as last month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Discussion

- Dave Mitchell and his crew pruned last week. They noticed two stressed trees.
 - This is the last item for the older grant
- The next grant will focus on Bradford pear removal at Riverbend Park and tree maintenance at City Park
 - These are not in the eligibility area for the Community Grant, but are okay for the Demonstration grant, which has a \$20,000 maximum. The Bradford pear removal will likely happen in sections to work with cost limitations.

Tree Talks

- People from the Kump house will set everything up. Board members are asked to bring flashlights to help with parking.

Arbor Day

- Arbor Day is on April 24 this year.
- Mon Power will provide 1-2 trees (up to \$300 value). Their employees will plant them.
- Phil Gainer Center is the tentative location. Fregonara will talk to Tom Tesar about this.
- The Board will probably get another tree from WVDOF, which could be planted at a local school.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Elections

- Will hold off on this

Earth Day

- Earth Day celebration will be on April 18 at Elkins City Park
- Allen will finish all the materials for the leaf ID activity by then.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Tree Board is set for April 13, 2026 at 6:30pm.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the meeting of April 13, 2026.

Linda Burke, Acting chair
Name & Title

Linda M Burke
Signature