

AGENDA
BRADENTON TREE & LAND PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING
1:30 p.m. Friday, October 16, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 101 OLD MAIN STREET

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CITIZEN COMMENT

During this portion of the meeting, the Board will accept comments on any non-agenda items. Comments are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a) [Clerk](#): Minutes from September 18, 2026, Tree and Land Preservation Board Meeting
[9-18-2026 Tree and Land Preservation Board Meeting Minutes](#)

5. REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

- a) [Planning & Community Development](#): September 2026 Tree Removal Permits
[September 2026 Tree Removal Permits](#)

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) [Planning & Community Development](#): Memorial Tree Program
- b) [Planning & Community Development](#): Grant Programs

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

9. ADJOURN

All interested persons and parties may appear either in person and be heard or submit written comments regarding the above matters to the Planning and Community Development Director. The meeting may be continued from time to time as necessary. Copies of the agenda or further information may be obtained from the Department of Planning & Community Development, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, FL, 34205, or by calling (941) 932-9407.

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TREE & LAND PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: October 16, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Jamie Griffith, Clerk

ITEM TYPE: Minutes

AGENDA SECTION: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

SUBJECT: Minutes from September 18, 2026, Tree and Land Preservation Board Meeting

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

No

EXPLANATION:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 18 2026, Tree and Land Preservation Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

[9-18-2026 Tree and Land Preservation Board Meeting Minutes](#)

**CITY OF BRADENTON
TREE AND LAND PRESERVATION MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2026**

The City of Bradenton Tree and Land Preservation Board met in the City Hall Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2026.

Present Tree and Land Preservation Board Members: Vice Chair Ed Dean, Ruth Lawler, Susan Griffith, and Don Julian.

Chair Jennifer Hoffman and Board Member Richard Larsen were excused.

City Staff: Jamie Schindewolf, Senior Planner; Jamie Griffith, Deputy Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- a) Clerk: Minutes from the August 21, 2026, Tree and Land Preservation Board Meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 21, 2026, TREE AND LAND PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING was made by Board Member Julian and seconded by Board Member Griffith. The motion passed 4-0. Chair Hoffman and Board Member Larsen were excused.

REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF:

- a) Planning & Community Development: Ross Peterson, Operations and Maintenance Manager

Ross Peterson, Operations and Maintenance Manager, gave a presentation and provided updates to recent and future tree plantings in the City. He discussed the Memorial Tree Program and explained the ArborJet Program used by the City.

- b) Planning & Community Development: August 2026 Tree Removal Permits

Jamie Schindewolf, Senior Planner, presented the August 2026 Tree Removal Permits report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Planning & Community Development: Notable Tree Nominee Discussion

Board Members discussed the nominee submissions and decided to continue the discussion at the October 16, 2026, meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Planning & Community Development: Strategic Plan 2026 Review

Board Members reviewed the Strategic Plan for 2026 and evaluated the Board's progress. They discussed potential additions to the Strategic Plan for 2027. Vice Chair Dean suggested that future tree giveaways included an educational aspect.

Grant programs and application timelines were briefly discussed. Vice Chair Dean requested that grant programs and the Memorial Tree Program were added to the October 16, 2026, meeting agenda.

Board Member Lawler requested that the Board keep potential candidates in mind who would bring additional expertise to board meetings.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board Member Julian inquired whether any response had been received regarding the letters sent to Council Members and City Administration.

Board Member Griffith announced that she teaches environmental educational classes through the UF/IFASD Manatee County Extension Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

NOTE: This is not a verbatim record. An audio recording of the meeting is available for a fee upon request.

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TREE & LAND PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: October 16, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Jamie Schindewolf, Planning & Community Development

ITEM TYPE: Miscellaneous

AGENDA SECTION: **REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

SUBJECT: September 2026 Tree Removal Permits

SUGGESTED ACTION: N/A

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
[September 2026 Tree Removal Permits](#)

September 2026 Tree Removal Permit Applications									
Record #	Status	Record Type	Opened Date	Street #	Street Name	Type	Dir	Property Type	Details
OTH-TRE-26-0035	Revisions Required	Tree Removal	9/21/2026	109	13TH	Ave	W	vacant Commercial	Removal of 39 trees, appears to be at least a partial replacement
OTH-TRE-26-0034	Revisions Required	Tree Removal	9/10/2026	215	24TH	St	E	Duplex	Remove tree that is endangering structure, awaiting payment
OTH-TRE-26-0033	Issued	Tree Removal	9/8/2026	1301	BARCARROTA	Blvd		Central Library	Cut down and remove the Kapok tree on the south side of the building on the SE side. The roots are pressing right up against the building and also raising the concrete of the sidewalk, creating a tripping hazard. The roots have also grown into the electrical conduit causing damage that had to be repaired for the security lights in the parking lot.

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DATE: October 16, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Jamie Schindewolf, Planning & Community Development

ITEM TYPE: Miscellaneous

AGENDA SECTION: **NEW BUSINESS**

SUBJECT: Memorial Tree Program

SUGGESTED ACTION: Discussion

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

No

EXPLANATION:

During the September 18, 2026 meeting, members briefly explored options to revitalize the Memorial Tree Program and requested further time to discuss. Any formal action will require a motion and vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

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DATE: October 16, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Jamie Schindewolf, Planning & Community Development

ITEM TYPE: Miscellaneous

AGENDA SECTION: **NEW BUSINESS**

SUBJECT: Grant Programs

SUGGESTED ACTION: Discussion

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

No

EXPLANATION:

The Board requested an agenda item be added to discuss potential grant programs and the necessary steps for application submissions. Any formal action will require a motion and vote.

ATTACHMENTS: