TOWN OF WEAVERVILLE TREE BOARD
Community Room
30 South Main Street
Weaverville, NC 28787

AGENDA

November 4, 2026 at 6pm
Regular Meeting

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1.	**Call to Order**		Board Chair Kantner
2.	**Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2026 Regular Meeting**	2	Board Chair Kantner
3.	**GreenWorks Treasured Tree Program Update**		Asst Manager Jackson
4.	**Tree City USA Application Update**		Asst Manager Jackson
5.	**Grant Funding**		Board Chair Kantner
6.	**Educational Information for Distribution**		Board Chair Kantner
7.	**2027 Arbor Day Event Planning**		Board Chair Kantner
8.	**Other Business and Next Regular Board Meeting**		Board Chair Kantner
9.	**Adjournment**		Board Chair Kantner

Town of Weaverville Tree Board
Minutes – Special-Called Meeting – September 9, 2026

The Town of Weaverville Tree Board held a special-called meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Community Room/Council Chambers of Town Hall at 30 South Main Street, Weaverville, NC.

Present: Chairman Russ Kantner; Board Members Patrice Sheehan, Inger Stallman Jorgensen, Gary Harmon, Andrew Shelton, Caleb Hudson, and Bill Mobley; and Assistant Town Manager Jennifer Jackson who was serving as Clerk to the Board. Keith Aitken from the City of Asheville was also in attendance

Absent: Pauline Griffith and Eleanor Mrozkowski

Call to Order

Chairman Kantner called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes

Mobley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2026, regular meeting as corrected. The motion was passed in a unanimous vote, 7-0.

Action Table with Priorities

Jackson indicated that a copy the Action Table with Priorities that was finalized at the Board's last meeting was included in the agenda packet for the Board's reference.

Arbor Day Foundation Tree Giveaway Update

Chairman Kantner updated the Board on the trees that were given away at some of the Summer Music concerts and three of the Tailgate Markets. These giveaways provided an opportunity for the Tree Board to interact with public and provided learning opportunities and outreach. It was noted that the Summer Music concerts were the preferred outreach located but needs the giveaways to get people to stop by the tent.

The plan is to get trees for the Arbor Day event and whatever is not given away can be given away at Music in the Park concerts.

Jackson will make sure that Town staff does not set up a tent for the Tree Board.

Heritage Tree Program Discussion

Tree Board discussed briefly the goals/objectives of a heritage tree program and settled on recognition of certain trees on both public land and private land with the consent of the property owner. Some of the desired traits/attributes of trees that should be recognized includes the following: native or environmental special species, trees with historical significance, age, size, etc.

For trees on private property, the property owner will need to apply for designation. Designation is recognition by certificate and/or marker, and possible location on a virtual map to show where all of the heritage trees are within Weaverville.

There was discussion about labeling special trees in the Main Street Nature Park and at the Lake Louise Park as an educational opportunity.

Asheville GreenWorks runs a "treasured tree" program and Town staff will reach out to see if we can participate in that program.

There was consensus for Jackson to bring the GreenWorks program back to the Board for review or, if that isn't available, to create a draft policy based on the Board's discussion and direction and bring that back for further conversation.

Grant Funding

The following grants were discussed:

- NC Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program – Tree Maintenance Grant – Application portal for tree maintenance grants will be open from January to March 2027 and is expected to be awarded July 1. This is a good opportunity to get some funding to get the Town caught up on tree maintenance so that we can be more proactive with tree health in the future. By using the Tree Inventory Report we can use the maintenance plan to develop the grant. If awarded, we will have 4 years to spend the money. *Jackson will investigate this grant opportunity and position the Town to be able to submit a grant application to fund the tree maintenance needs as identified in the Study.*
- Arbor Day Foundation grants are possible, especially for trees. *Grant funds for trees will need to be applied for when available.*

Educational Information for Distribution

Jackson will look for some educational materials for the Tree Board and for the public. The Board was encouraged to provide Jackson with any information that they would like to see distributed or included in the Town's newsletter or website.

Tree City USA Application

Jackson indicated that she will be responsible for putting the application together and submitting it within the deadline.

Other Business

A canopy study should be considered in the future and we may be able to do this with publicly available information through treecanopy.us.

Jackson briefed the Board on a stormwater rehabilitation and streambank stabilization project that is planned for Main Street Nature Park and indicated that that may provide some better opportunities for education.

The Board was asked to review the roster and make any corrections to contact information so that it could be updated and distributed.

Jackson answered questions regarding the Main Street Christmas Tree discussion and bathroom discussion.

Next Board Meeting – There was *unanimous consensus to cancel the October Board meeting*, so the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 6pm.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion or action, and without objection Chairman Kantner declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm.

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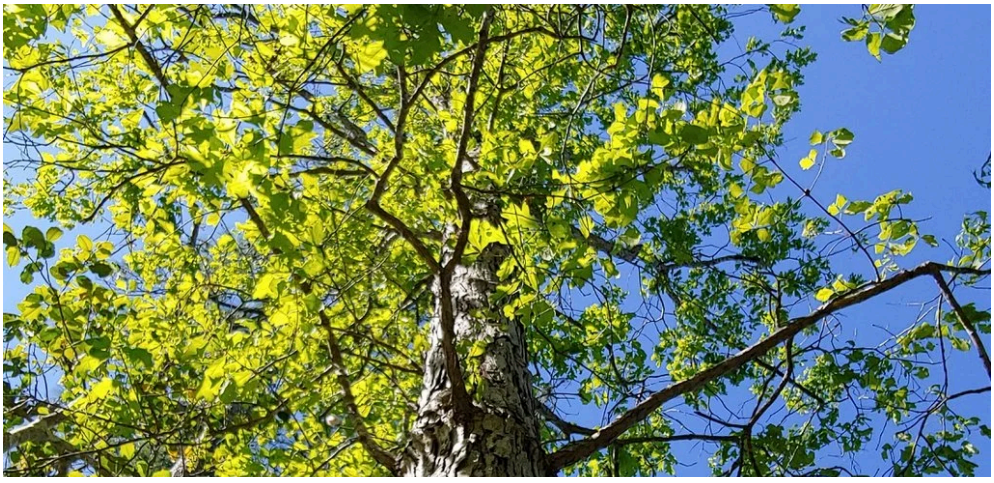
Jennifer Jackson, Clerk to the Board

Minutes approved:

What is a Treasured Tree?

Any native tree can be nominated to become a Treasured Tree. For over 40 years, we've honored our ancient, rare, and special trees to:

- Bring public awareness to these valuable and irreplaceable trees
- Increase tree owners' awareness of the unique importance of trees
- Encourage stewardship of our urban forest
- Protect all trees from indiscriminate removal or irreparable damage during development
- Raise awareness of the diversity, sensitivity, and importance of the tree canopy



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Why Treasure Our Trees?

Did you know that mature trees provide incredible benefits to our communities?

- Mature trees are exponentially more effective at removing carbon from the atmosphere, helping to mitigate the impacts of climate change
- Mature trees are an important part of regulating the health and flow of stormwater and runoff, reducing the severity of erosion and flooding
- Mature trees provide shade and can help lower utility bills during the summer
- Mature trees provide a safe space for native wildlife to find food and shelter, protecting critical biodiversity
- Mature trees help us feel more calm and emotionally regulated - they're great for our mental health!

Learn more about mature trees through the Arbor Day Foundation!

How do I nominate my tree?

To nominate your tree to become a Treasured Tree, fill out the nomination form by clicking the button below. Each Treasured Tree is recognized with a plaque identifying the species (which can be attached to the tree or placed in your yard with a stake), a certificate, and tree measurements provided to the owner. Please answer the application questions to the best of your ability, and let us know if you have any questions!

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Asheville GreenWorks Treasured Trees

Our goal is to recognize, preserve and protect the trees of Buncombe County. No special tree criteria (species, age, size, etc.) are needed to nominate a tree as 'treasured', other than it should not be an invasive species. If you do not own the tree you are nominating, please provide us with information about who does own the property. The questions below will give you an opportunity to provide all the information we need to help you honor your tree. Once nominated, we will schedule a visit to measure the tree's circumference, confirm the species and estimate its age. We will then coordinate with the nominator and/or owner to schedule a brief celebration of the tree where we will attach a Treasured Tree plaque and present a certificate to the owner.

Many thanks for your interest in honoring trees and your help in protecting our urban forests!

Donations to the Treasured Tree program are much appreciated!

If you have any questions please email info@ashevillegreenworks.org or call (828) 254-1776.

jj1719@gmail.com Switch account

The name, email, and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form

* Indicates required question

Email *

Record **jj1719@gmail.com** as the email to be included with my response

What is your name? *

Your answer

Are you the owner of the tree? *

- Yes
- No

If you are not the owner, please give us their name.

Your answer

If you are not the owner, please tell us how we can contact them.

Your answer

What is the street address where the tree is located? *

Your answer

What is the ZIP code of where the tree is located?? *

Your answer

What is your phone number? *

Your answer

Would you prefer to be contacted by email or phone? *

- ○ I am more responsive by email.
- ○ I am more responsive on my cellphone.
- ○ Either works for me.

What type of tree are you honoring? *

Your answer

Would you like us to confirm the species? *

- ○ Yes, I would like someone to come out and confirm species.
- ○ No, I'm confident that is the correct species.

If possible, please upload a photo of the tree, with a close-up of the leaves.

Upload up to 5 supported files: PDF, document, or image. Max 100 MB per file.

Add file

Is it easy to access the tree? If difficult, please explain. *

Your answer

If you are the owner, would you allow Asheville GreenWorks to include your tree in Treasured Trees' programs? Participants of the programs will not be allowed on private property without your permission. *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ I would like more information.

Do you have questions about the Treasured Trees program?

Your answer

A copy of your responses will be emailed to jj1719@gmail.com.

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