



Tree Board - July 01 2026 Agenda

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM

The Tree Board will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall, 30 S. Main Street, Weaverville, N.C.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adopt or Amend Agenda**
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6. **Adjournment**
 - 6.1 Adjourn Meeting



Tree Board Meeting Minutes- June 03, 2026

The Tree Board regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall, 30 S. Main Street, Weaverville, N.C.

1. Call to Order

Tree Board Members Present: Chairman Russ Kantner, Patrice Sheehan and Gary Harmon, Inger Stallman Jorgensen, William Mobley, Andrew Shelton, and Eleanor Mrozkowski.

Absent: Pauline Griffith, Caleb Hudson

Staff Present: Town Clerk Tamara Mercer

Kieth Aitkin, City of Asheville Arborist

2. Adopt or Amend Agenda

Andrew Shelton moved to adopt agenda as presented.

Carried unanimously. 7-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Inger Stallman Jorgenson moved to approve the Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously. 7-0.

4. Arbor Day April Program recap

Discussion included program logistics, tasks divided, winners of People Choice awards, and the planning stage. Chair Kantner said that in 2025, he enjoyed having the smaller children although the older student participation was a great success with over 87 middle and high school students submitting their poems or artwork (15 pieces) for the Arbor Day Young Artists' Competition.

5. Arbor Day Foundation Tree give-away

June 6th at the Main Street Nature Park music series the Tree Board to give-away red Cedars, red Maple, Redbud, and Witch-hazel trees to the public. The Town will set-up the tent and table and Mike will announce the opportunity to the audience. Show starts at 6:00 p.m., and volunteers are Eleanor, Patrice, Russ and Gary.

6. Tree Board Ordinance Code Chapter 2

Members reviewed each category and assigned numeric priorities as 1=high priority, addressed in 12 months; 2=medium priority, addressed in 24 months; 3=lower priority, addressed in 36 months; 0=proposed deletion. Staff summarized the previous goals attained and completed such Davey Group conducted tree inventory & canopy assessment: completed in 2025. Updated chart table to accompany the Tree Board's goals and priorities list.

Procedural process for designating heritage and treasured trees with signage. Arborist Keith Aitken noted the caliper used for Asheville's size class and species to rate a heritage tree, for example 24" or 30" class.

Russ said upcoming grants with the NC Urban Forestry may allow for tree maintenance costs for towns so we should plan to seek such funding for that, Keith added that there may also be funding for towns to certify arborist or for the workforce to achieve IISA certifications.

Russ noted that he would send out an example email for other towns that have implemented a tree squad and tree keepers, as well as the 'tree bank' program.

Patrice questioned if there is money to remove invasives in the parks, and staff shall follow-up.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, and without objection Chairman Kantner adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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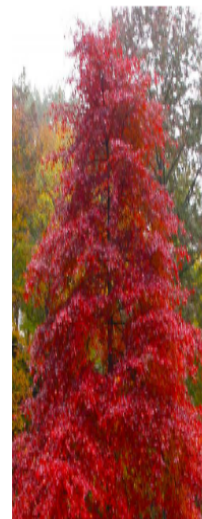
Join us for the 2nd performance of the 2026 Summer Concert Series featuring original jazz Asheville based band, Chronology Music Trio! Hope to see you there, 6pm in the Main Street Nature Park on Saturday, July 11th!

Cancellations or reschedule dates due to inclement weather will be announced on the Town's Facebook and website.

Tree Give-away during the Summer Concerts in the Park

The Weaverville Tree Board will give away trees all summer long (while supplies last) at the Music Concert Series in the Main Street Nature Park.

Next up is "Chronology Music" on July 11th beginning at 6:00 pm in the Nature Park! First come first serve, just look for the Tree Board table in the back. Varied Tree species provided by the Tree Board & the Arbor Day Foundation, so come hear music and plant a tree! Picture of Red Maple [Acer rubrum] in the fall, which forms a beautiful palette of red, orange and yellow leaves.



**TOWN OF WEAVERVILLE
TREE BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: July 1, 2026
SUBJECT: Weaverville Code Chapter 2 Tree Board
PRESENTER: Russ Kantner & Tamara Mercer
ATTACHMENTS: 2

DESCRIPTION: Tree Board member discussion

Review of June 3rd Tree Board Priorities- Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 4. Tree Board. Discussion of purpose, duties, and goals of the Tree Board. Action Plan Table with priorities and goals as provided by board members.

**CODE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 4. TREE BOARD
STATED GOALS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND PRIORITIES**

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Recommended/ Restated Goals for FY: 2026-27

	2024	2025	2026	Staff	STATED GOAL	NOTES RESPONSIBILITY	Staff	TB	TC
1	1	1	1		To periodically review the regulations within the town’s code of ordinances related to trees and vegetation, including specifically Code Chapter 2, and make recommendations concerning revisions, additions, and/or repeal	Completed updated species list in 2025	✓	✓	✓
2	2	2	1		To study and make recommendations on land use regulations, such as a tree canopy or protection ordinances and other conservation minded regulation, with the goals of enhancing aesthetics, reducing urban heat islands, reducing stormwater run-off, providing wildlife habitats, lowering building energy costs, and increasing property values	Completed updated species list in 2025	✓	✓	
3	2	2	1		To seek advice, as needed, from qualified landscape architects, arborists, foresters, horticulturists, or other knowledgeable individuals	Davey Group conducted tree inventory & canopy assessment: completed in 2025	✓	✓	
4	3	3	3		To consult with certified residential and commercial arborists and foresters on an inventory of existing trees within town street rights-of-ways and on town-owned property with data collected on species, size, and general health of each tree	Davey Group conducted tree inventory & canopy assessment: completed in 2025	✓	✓	

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5	3	3	1	3	To designate heritage trees, which are understood to be individual trees with unique value based on age, rarity, size, and/or aesthetic, botanical, ecological, or historical value, and are considered irreplaceable	Procedural process for designating heritage and treasure trees with signage.	✓	✓	✓
6	1	1	1	1	To organize educational programs and workshops, sponsor information booths, and develop/distribute informational materials on topics related to planting, maintenance, health, and protection of trees within the urban and community forests of Weaverville		✓	✓	✓
7	1	1	1	1	To foster communication among citizens of the town that would provide community education programs, and increased awareness of urban forestry, protection of trees, and to coordinate active measures to support tree health and growth within the town		✓	✓	✓
8	2	2	1		To investigate available grants, loans, or contributions from other governmental agencies, public or private corporations, or individuals, and to recommend the expenditures of any proceeds toward the accomplishment of the tree board's duties and responsibilities		✓	✓	
9	3	3			To study, investigate, counsel, develop and/or update periodically a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas	Next TB Evaluation Begin Here	✓	✓	✓

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					once a tree inventory has been completed. The plan is to be presented to the Town Council and its acceptance and approval constitutes the official comprehensive Town tree plan				
10	3	2			To approve voluntary planting plans on Town property or in Town street rights-of-way by private citizens or groups		✓		✓
11	1	1	1	1	To submit an annual report of its activities and recommendations to Town Council		✓	✓	
12	0	2			To perform any other related duties that Town Council may direct, either through ordinance or action		✓	✓	
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