

MINUTES

City of Plymouth
Urban Forest and Flower Committee
October 15, 2025

Members Present: Mike Wolfington, Mike Hite, Jim Marquardt, Steve Listenberger, Debbie Palmer.

Community Member Present: Lindsey Spaulding

Minutes from the September meeting were not available so were not approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Tree Planting – All trees have been planted. Cameron Arnold took care of locates and Marquardt and Arnold were on site when trees were planted.

Marquardt recommended that this committee take care of planting the trees in the future. Since the trees are potted rather than balled and burlap it would not be difficult and we could save money on labor by utilizing this committee and volunteers.

Also, the selection of available trees was not as expected. It was recommended to look at other sources next year. Palmer suggested McKinley Garden Center in Mishawaka and Spaulding suggested her source in Indianapolis. This can be revisited next year.

Burning Bush in Centennial Park – the shrubs have been removed. There have been no complaints from the community. Spaulding presented a replacement planting plan utilizing native plants. Motion was made for this committee to recommend the Parks Department approve this plan. Motion passed.

Bradford Tree Removal - Marquardt reported that 4 Bradford Pears on Oakhill will be removed sometime this winter. He will contact the homeowners impacted. This will be a good site for replacement trees next fall.

Downtown Planters – there is some confusion as to who is in charge of the downtown planters – this committee, Chamber, Downtown Merchants? Hite was told by Laura Mann that this committee is not responsible and “they” were taking care of it.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasury Report – Palmer asked questions about funding for this committee, how much is allocated and how much has been spent. She asked for a quarterly treasury report. Marquardt will bring something to the next meeting.

With no further business, Marquardt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hite. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Next meeting November 19, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Palmer
(substituting for Jodie Overmyer)