

MINUTES

City of Plymouth
Urban Forest and Flower Committee
November 19, 2025

Members Present: Mike Wolfington, Jim Marquardt, Steve Listenberger, Debbie Palmer, Jodie Overmyer, Cameron Arnold, Bob Yoder. **Absent** Luke Felde, Mike Hite

Community Member Present: Lindsey Spaulding

Approval of minutes from October 15, 2025 – Jim M. motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Steve L. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Tree Planting – Cameron stated that he wasn't as happy with the quality of the trees that we received from Open Air garden center this year and that he put in a lot of work. Mike W. thought that it might be helpful to create a list of specifications for contractors to follow. It was proposed that maybe the city do the planting themselves with volunteer help, such as FFA members. This will create some logistical problems but is a possibility. Saving on labor would allow more trees to be installed. Cameron reported that the new trees have been watered.

Ornamental Pear Removal – The pears have not been removed yet. It is still in the plans to remove the ones on Oakhill Avenue over the winter and this will be a location for new trees in the fall.

Downtown Planters – Mike W. stated that the downtown merchants are not doing the planters for Christmas. Discussion followed. Mike said that he would follow up and do it again this year so that something is done. This will need to be addressed again in the spring. Jodie, Lindsey and Debbie recommend that native plants be considered, plants that could possibly be re-used in subsequent years and be more tolerant of dry conditions than annual flowers would be. They could have some annual flowers for more consistent color but would have a native grass and some native perennials. Everyone thinks that planting mums in the fall is a waste of time and money because they only look good for a very short time and are a lot of work and expense to install.

NEW BUSINESS

It was motioned by Jim M. that there will be no December meeting because of busy holiday schedules. Cameron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

With no further business, Mr. Yoder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim M. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Next meeting January 21, 2026.

Minutes submitted by secretary Jodie Overmyer.