

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Tuesday
August 4, 2026

5:00 PM

Mayors Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission, June 2, 2026, Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff with further directions.

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 15 minutes)

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

3. Consideration of the Upcoming Citizen and Commission Survey (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The Tree Commission will discuss and develop two survey questions for inclusion in the 2026 Citizen and Commission Survey. The survey is anticipated to be distributed in October. Survey questions from commissions are due by August 30, 2026.

All prior surveys can be found here:

2023 Commission Survey:

<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/DocumentCenter/View/31873/2023-Commission-Survey-Report>

2017 Commission Survey:

<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/DocumentCenter/View/8833/2017-Commission-Survey-Report?bidId=>

Citizen Surveys:

<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/Archive.aspx?AMID=36>

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the two survey questions; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

4. Consideration of the Tree City USA Growth Award Categories (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert / David Rauk

The Tree Commission reviewed and discussed the current categories of the Arbor Day Foundations Tree City USA Growth Award at their July 1 and August 25, 2025, meetings. This was followed by a discussion at the June 2, 2026, meeting.

Reviewing these categories is an effort to generate future ideas and projects for the Tree Commission to work towards. The link will take you to the Tree City USA Growth Award under “Download Activity List.” <https://www.arborday.org/our-work/tree-city-usa/growth-award>

Ideas discussed at the June 2, 2026, meeting included:

- Neighborhood ambassador program
- Education: Tree care to protect from wind damage
 - Deep rooted trees: noted in street tree planting guide
- Education: trees and shrubs to benefit pollinators
- Education: Moscow School District opportunities
- Natural area management plans
- Trees of the future guide with changing climate
- Embracing social media for tree information and education
- Tree inventory update
- Work with Arts Manager for tree art type project(s)

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Identify and approve future Tree Commission projects; or take other such actions as deemed appropriate.

UPDATES/REPORTS

1. Update: FY2027 Tree Commission Budget Request – David Schott

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next Tree Commission Meeting: September 1, 2026

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