

**SHADE TREE AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD  
OF CITY OF ST. GEORGE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 19, 2025, 12:00 P.M.  
MILLCREEK PARKS OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Present:**

**Deputy Director/Urban Forester Ben Neumann**

**Board Member Gil Almquist**

**Board Member Bonnie Pendleton**

**Board Member/Councilmember Steve Kemp**

**Secretary Rachel Hurd**

**Parks Manager Todd Steed**

**Civil Attorney Alicia Carlton**

**Planner Brian Dean**

**Mark Hodges Applicant**

**Jim Birrell Applicant**

**Kristen Birrell Applicant**

**Excused:**

**Board Member Conn Wood**

**Board Member John Sorenson**

**Arborist Clifton Christensen**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Deputy Director/Urban Forester Ben Neuman called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Each person introduced themselves.

Link to call to order and introductions: [00:00:08](#)

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF TREE(S) REMOVAL ON LOCATION AT  
1090 EAST 700 SOUTH, ST. GEORGE UTAH, 84790:**

Link to presentation from Jim Birrell including discussion between the Shade Tree Board, Urban Forester Ben Neumann, Parks Manager Todd Steed, and Planner Brian Dean: [00:02:00](#)

Link to motion: [00:28:40](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Board Member Steve Kemp

**SECOND:**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Gil Almquist

The motion was opened for discussion by Ben Neumann

**VOTE:**

Ben Neumann called for a vote, as follows:

Board member Almquist - aye

Board member Kemp - aye

Board member Pendleton - aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF TREE(S) REMOVAL ON LOCATION AT  
375 SOUTH 200 EAST, ST. GEORGE UTAH, 84770:**

Link to presentation from Mark Hodges including discussion between the Shade Tree Board and  
Urban Forester Ben Neumann: [00:32:02](#)

Link to motion: [00:48:25](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Board Member Gil Almquist

**SECOND:**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Steve Kemp

The motion was opened for discussion by Ben Neumann

**VOTE:**

Ben Neumann called for a vote, as follows:

Board member Almquist - aye

Board member Kemp - aye

Board member Pendleton - aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF TREE REMOVAL(S) ON LOCATION AT  
110 SOUTH 200 EAST, ST. GEORGE UTAH, 84790:**

Link to presentation from Mark Hodges including discussion between the Shade Tree Board, and  
Parks Manager Todd Steed: [00:51:27](#)

Link to motion: [00:54:35](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Board Member Steve Kemp

**SECOND:**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Gil Almquist

The motion was opened for discussion by Ben Neumann

**VOTE:**

Ben Neumann called for a vote, as follows:

Board member Almquist - aye

Board member Kemp - aye

Board member Pendleton - aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS AND UPDATES FROM THE SHADE TREE BOARD  
MEMBERS**

Link to agenda item four presented by Urban Forester Ben Neumann including discussion  
between the Board Members, Urban Forester Ben Neuman, Parks Manager Todd Steed and  
Attorney Alicia Carlton: [00:58:13](#)

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON  
FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

Link to agenda item five presented by Urban Forester Ben Neumann: [01:07:36](#)

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Board Member Gil Almquist

**SECOND:**

The motion was seconded by Board Member Steve Kemp

**VOTE:**

Ben Neumann called for a vote, as follows:

Board member Almquist - aye

Board member Kemp - aye

Board member Pendleton - aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

Link to motion: [01:08:58](#)

**Vote:**

Ben Neumann called for a vote, as follows:

Bonnie Pendleton - aye

Steve Kemp - aye

Gil Almquist - aye

The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

/s/Rachel Hurd

Rachel Hurd, Secretary