

Rochester Arbor Committee Agenda
Rochester Village Hall
7 pm, Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Call to order, introductions—Chair, Molly Godar

Agenda changes

Minutes of 2-13-24 meeting

Public forum for discussion of arbor related topics not on the agenda—any participants

Report and recommendations from 2024 planting days—Harry Hendrickson

Updates

Carbon credits for trees planted in 2021-24-- Emily Ehley, Trees Forever

Replant, renew, restore grants from Trees Forever—Emily

Tree City USA status—Harry Hendrickson

Wohler's Woods addition to North Park—excessive Asian honeysuckle--trail work needed

Invitation to events at Starhill Arboretum near Petersburg—Mr. Oak, Guy Sternberg

News from Springfield Arbor Commission—*Illinois Times*

Rochester Village Report—James Foster, Public Works Supt.

New Village Tree Ordinance—summary and link attached

new requirements for Public Works

new requirements for Arbor Committee

Planting location recommendations

Develop list of recommended tree species for planting: shade & decorative categories

Memorial plantings policy and request form

Memorial plaques

Sales tax-free purchasing policy for planting materials

Discussion regarding numbers and species of trees to be planted in locations—Dennis Ferguson
sources: Forrest Keeling, IDNR, others?

Discussion of improving volunteer recruiting—all

free seedlings?

coffee & donuts?

extra credit?, service hours?

Setting of dates and rain dates for volunteer planting days—all

Committee organization

Adjourn by 9:00 pm