

1 **City of Lake Forest Park – Tree Board Meeting**  
2 **Meeting Minutes: April 1, 2026; 7:00-9:00pm**  
3 **Hybrid Meeting Held in the Forest Room at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom**  
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5 **Tree Board Members present:** Victoria Kutasz, Stacey Spain, Richard Saunders, Kyle Gati, Mark  
6 Phillips, Doug Sprugel, and Minda Martin (via Zoom)  
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8 **Staff and others present:** Larry Goldman, LFP City Council; Christi Bishop, Urban Forest Planner;  
9 Elizabeth Talavera, Associate Planner  
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11 **Members of the Public present:** Jim Mead, Vicki Scurri, Spedi Pedigo  
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13 **Tree Board Members absent:** Ross Barslag-Benson  
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15 **Call to order:** 7:00 PM  
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17 **Short Reflection:** Vice Chair Spain gave a reflection on the book, When the Forest Breathes by  
18 Suzanne Simard. Board member Phillips also gave a short reflection on a quote by Bill Vaughn.  
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20 **Introduction:** The Tree Board Members, staff, and members of the public introduced themselves.  
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22 **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Board Member Phillips motioned to approve the agenda; Board  
23 member Sprugel seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.  
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25 **Approval of Minutes:**

26 **March,04, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

27 Board member Phillips motioned to approve with amendments; Board Member Saunders seconded.  
28 The minutes were approved unanimously.  
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30 **Public Comment:** Mr. Mead gave a public comment on mitigating ivy at Grace Cole Park and the  
31 Yamaguchi RUE.  
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33 **Next meeting:** The next meeting occurs on May 6, 2026.  
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35 **Reports and Announcements:**

36 Councilmember Goldman gave an update that the city council is working on the budget.  
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38 Ms. Talavera gave a report on article requests for content for the LFP Times.  
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40 **New Business:**

41 Vicky Scurri - Sound Transit Presentation

42 Ms. Scurri gave a presentation on concerns of her property and other properties in regard to the  
43 Sound Transit project.  
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45 Tree Equity Plans & Policies Workshop - May 19, 2026

46 Ms. Talavera showed the flyer for the workshop and gave a brief explanation of the event.  
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1 **Old Business:**

2 Finalizing plans for Green Fair and Arbor Day

3 Board member Gati presented the flyer he designed for Arbor Day. The Tree Board members also  
4 discussed shift assignments for both events. Board member Phillips mentioned that he would reach  
5 out to the Shoreline Area News to promote the Arbor Day event. Chair Kutasz volunteered to MC  
6 the event and discussed the set-up time of 10:00 am.

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8 Updates on Communication materials

9 The Communications subcommittee announced that they met to discuss materials to appeal to  
10 younger folks. Vice Chair Spain and Board member Phillips volunteered to write an article for the  
11 LFP Times about Ivy. Board member Gati also volunteered to write an article about tree care.

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13 Tree Plantings/ Giveaway

14 Vice Chair Spain announced that she is meeting with KCD later this week. Board member Phillips  
15 and Ms. Bishop volunteered to assist with the coordination with KCD and tree giveaway event.

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17 City Event Calendar

18 Chair Kutasz went over the city events for the year, and the Tree Board decided to join and booth 3  
19 events.

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21 Updates on SFI Grant and KCD Grant

22 Tabled for next meeting.

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24 **Agenda for Next Meeting:**

25 May 6<sup>th</sup> agenda items will include KCD and SFI grants updates, Work Plan Check-In, Event recap  
26 for Arbor Day and Green Fair, updates on articles.

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28 **Adjournment:** Board member Sprugel motioned to end the meeting and board member Saunders  
29 seconded.

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31 Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

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36 Victoria Kutasz, Chair  
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