MINUTES

City of Plymouth
Urban Forest and Flower Committee
Sept. 16, 2026

Members Present: Mike Wolfington, Steve Listenberger, Jodie Overmyer, Deb Palmer, Lindsey Spaulding, Cameron Arnold, Jim Marquardt. Absent: Mike Hite, Bob Yoder

Approval of minutes from August 19, 2026 – Deb motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Jim M. seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Tree Planting – Final spots will be located. There will be 24 trees total. Lindsey reported that they have been ordered and will be delivered on Monday, Sept. 21st to Lindsey's home since we are combining the delivery from Woody Warehouse. Jodie asked if they could add some Autumn Blaze Maple, Lindsey said that she would check. Cameron said that he could do the placements Tuesday the 22nd. Jodie said that would work for her as well. Planting could be coordinated to occur sometime during the week of September 28th. The Honey Locust for the Adams Street location was mentioned, but no one was sure where one could be acquired at this time.

Downtown Planters – There was concern about plants being removed from several of the planters by downtown vendors without any notification. Jim M. has received an email about the planters expressing concern about the lack of color and that they started to look unkempt. Discussion followed. The committee would like another year to tweak the design, adding more annual color and possibly a different perennial for spring color.

Rotary corner planting and maintenance of pocket pollinator garden – Jodie reported that she felt that it was the responsibility of the Soil and Water District to maintain the garden and that she had spent some time there with volunteers on Sept. 4th to do some cleanup. She will be adding a tree to the corner and will look at more maintenance in the spring. She also looked at the Rotary corner and drew up a plan with more shrubs to reduce maintenance in that area. She said that she would send that to Marianne Peters from the Rotary.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim M. received a letter from the DNR Urban Forestry specialist offering services to our group. It was agreed that we should reach out and invite her to attend one of our meetings.

Deb P. had checked some funding sources for the committee. There is the possibility of money from the Community Foundation for the downtown beautification project and/or the median project.

Nancy Felde appreciated the outreach from the group for Luke and requested that we send him the minutes to keep him informed on the committee's work.

Mike W. said that Laura will order the Christmas trees for the downtown planters. The existing. plants will need to be cut back.

It was asked what the status is on treatments for the downtown trees. There is the possibility of money that will be budgeted for them, but there is still a question about which ones should be treated. Some of them are in very poor shape and would not benefit. No decision was made at this time.

Steve L. mentioned that there is a severe knotweed problem near the river. Jim said that the surveyor should be notified and that he would do that.

With no further business, Jim M. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cameron Arnold. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm. Next meeting is October 21, 2026. Minutes by Jodie Overmyer.