



**NEWPORT TREE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TREE BOARD
September 11, 2025 Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER:

Tree Board Chair Brant Owens called a regular meeting to order on September 11, 2025, at 4:05 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Newport Municipal Building at 998 Monmouth Street.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commission members present were Don Spaulding, Neal Connor, Brant Owens, and Kevin Broghamer. Michael Woloshin, Assistant City Attorney; Jessica Bolton, Zoning Administrator; Ray Ebert, Public Works Director; Cassandra Homan, City Arborist. The meeting was held in person in conjunction with a live stream on Newport's YouTube page.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A motion made by Don Spaulding, seconded by Neal Connor, to approve the July 10th, 2025, minutes, motion carried 4-0, so ordered.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

NTB-25-15:

Application to remove the lilac tree located at 113 W 10th Street.

Comments:

Cassandra Homan, City arborist, presented findings.

A motion made by Neal Connor, seconded by Kevin Broghamer, to approve case number NTB-25-15, removal of the tree located at 113 W 10th Street, Newport, KY. Based on evidence and testimony presented during this hearing, the board has found that the proposed tree removal is in conformance with the intent of the regulations. Additionally, the removal will preserve, not harm the public safety and welfare, and will not injure the essential character of the neighborhood. Motion carried 4-0, so ordered.

Roll Call:

Don Spaulding	Yes
Neal Connor	Yes
Kevin Broghamer	Yes
Brant Owens	Yes

NTB-25-16

Application to remove the red maple tree located at 331 W 11th Street.

Comments:

Cassandra Homan, City arborist, presented findings.



Motion made by Brant Owens, seconded by Kevin Broghamer, to approve case number NTB-25-16, removal of the tree located at 331 W 11th St, Newport, KY. Based on evidence and testimony presented during this hearing, the board has found that the proposed tree removal is in conformance with the intent of the regulations. Additionally, the removal will preserve, not harm the public safety and welfare, and will not injure the essential character of the neighborhood. Motion carried 4-0, so ordered.

Roll Call:

Don Spaulding	Yes
Neal Connor	Yes
Kevin Broghamer	Yes
Brant Owens	Yes

NTB-25-17:

Application to remove sugar maple tree located at 215 E 11th Street.

Comments:

Cassandra Homan, City arborist, presented findings.

Motion made by Kevin Broghamer, seconded by Don Spaulding, to approve case number NTB-25-17, removal of the tree located at 215 E 11th Street, Newport, Ky. Based on evidence and testimony presented during this hearing, the board has found that the proposed tree removal is in conformance with the intent of the regulations. Additionally, the removal will preserve, not harm the public safety and welfare, and will not injure the essential character of the neighborhood. Motion carried 4-0, so ordered.

Roll Call:

Don Spaulding	Yes
Neal Connor	Yes
Kevin Broghamer	Yes
Brant Owens	Yes

NTB-25-18:

Application to remove the crab apple tree located at 439 W 12th Street.

Motion made by Neal Connor, seconded by Kevin Broghamer, to approve case number NTB-25-18, removal of the tree located at 439 W 12th St, Newport, Ky. Based on evidence and testimony presented during this hearing, the board has found that the proposed tree removal is in conformance with the intent of the regulations. Additionally, the removal will preserve, not harm the public safety and welfare, and will not injure the essential character of the neighborhood. Motion carried 4-0, so ordered.

Roll Call:

Don Spaulding	Yes
Neal Connor	Yes
Kevin Broghamer	Yes
Brant Owens	Yes



NTB-25-19:

Application to remove the red maple tree located at 519 W 10th Street.

Comments:

Cassandra Homan, City arborist, presented findings.

Motion made by Kevin Broghamer, seconded by Neal Connor, to approve case number NTB-25-19, removal of the tree located at 519 W 10th Street, Newport, Ky. Based on evidence and testimony presented during this hearing, the board has found that the proposed tree removal is in conformance with the intent of the regulations. Additionally, the removal will preserve, not harm the public safety and welfare, and will not injure the essential character of the neighborhood. Motion carried 4-0, so ordered.

Roll Call:

Don Spaulding	Yes
Neal Connor	Yes
Kevin Broghamer	Yes
Brant Owens	Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Neal Connor, seconded by Don Spaulding, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m. Motion carried 4-0, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Bolton

Date Approved

Brant Owens, Chair

Attest:

Tiffany Myers, City Clerk