

# **City of Norcross**

*65 Lawrenceville Street*

*Norcross, GA 30071*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

**4:00 PM**

**2nd Floor Conference Room**

### **Tree Preservation Board**

**Charlotte Osborn, Chair**

**Charlie Riehm, Board Member**

**Hayne Thompson, Board Member**

**Terry Sutton, Board Member**

**Michelle Osborne, Board Member**

**A. Call to Order****B. Presentation of previous meeting minutes for acceptance and acceptance of the agenda as presented for the scheduled meeting.****1. 2026-120: Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes****C. Ongoing Business****Honoring Landmark/Historic Trees in Norcross:**

This project has been tabled until there is more interest.

**Revised Tree Ordinances:**

It has been made clear that the TPB will have no participation in the revisions of Norcross Tree Ordinances until City staff review is complete.

**Downtown Norcross Parking Improvements:**

Council members have requested that any loss of parking spaces due to TPB-recommended improvements to soil and space for parking lot island trees be added back.

**Tree Bank:**

Updates from Bruce on current debits and credits to the Tree Bank. We have been informed that our budget addition for an Earth Day celebration at Pinnacle Park has been rescinded.

**City Newsletter "Tree Talk" Articles:**

The April "Tree Talk" article to be submitted for the April publication of the Norcross Rough Draft newsletter has been withdrawn. Without our knowledge, an article (by an unknown author) on this subject is appearing in the March edition.

**Expanding TPB Responsibilities:**

There is little interest among board members in expanding TPB responsibilities at this time.

**Arbor Day Celebration Plans:**

The TPB's Arbor Day celebration at Stripling Elementary School was a memorable event for the entire third grade classes of 120 students and their teachers. With the help of the Norcross Garden Club, the donation and planting of a "Florida Flame Maple" tree by Serve Scape, the Mayor's and GA Forestry Commission's participation, and an engaging arborist-themed program put on by Edward Morrow gave these students a fun time and impressed upon them the importance of trees.

**Tree Removal Assistance Program:**

Norcross apparently does not qualify for this program. Michelle to update

**Swenson Brown Forest Preserve:**

The stewardship of the Swenson Brown Forest Preserve remains unclear, as does its future public access from Longview Dr. Charlotte met with City Engineer Amir and gave him the plans for the footbridge constructed at JD Forest Preserve.

**Community Development Playbook:**

Terry to give an update on any progress with City staff in developing a TPB/PG&T Community Development playbook to aid Norcross's review system.

**Arboretum/Earth Day Event:**

Apparently, the TPB does not have a \$1,850 budget for this event, and all TPB plans have stopped.

**D. New Business****E. Johnson Dean Business**

**Johnson Dean Expansion:** Charlie will provide an update if there is any news from the Episcopal Church officers regarding Norcross's purchase offer for the proposed property acquisition.

**New Development Threatening Excessive Storm Water in Creek:**

No word from City staff with regard to solutions for the anticipated increased stormwater runoff from the construction of new homes on Barton and Buchanan streets.

**F. ADDITIONAL INPUT AND/OR DISCUSSION NOT OTHERWISE ADDRESSED BY THIS AGENDA****G. Adjourn**

Michelle Osborne motioned to adjourn at 5:22 pm. Seconded by Charlie Riehm. The vote was unanimously approved, 4-0.