

Town of Galena
Park & Tree Meeting
Wednesday, February 25, 2026
7:00 PM Meeting
Record of Motions/Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Town Administrator Pisapia at 7:13 PM on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Those in attendance were Council Member: Jack Duhamell; Town Administrator: Marisa Pisapia; Committee Chair: Kevin Schroeder; Members: Amy McGee, Elsie Hufford, & Gary Robson.

Approval of January 21, 2026, Audio Minutes: Member Robson motioned to approve the January 21, 2026, audio minutes. Member Hufford seconded the motion; all present were in favor, motion carried. Council Member Duhamell abstained.

Approval of January 21, 2026, Record of Motions/Minutes: Member Robson motioned to approve the January 21, 2026, Record of Motions/Minutes. Member Hufford seconded the motion; all present were in favor, motion carried.

Approval of February 25, 2026, Audio Minutes: Council Member Duhamell motioned to approve the February 25, 2026, Audio Minutes. Member Robson seconded the motion; all present were in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment: Council Member Duhamell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Hufford seconded the motion; all present were in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Discussions:

Memorial Tree – 250th Anniversary: Chairman Schroeder continued discussion regarding the planting of a White Oak tree at Community Park as a 250th Anniversary memorial, to coincide with the Dogwood Festival. No formal action taken at this time.

Pollinator Garden Project: Town Administrator Pisapia will prepare a grant proposal for submission to the Chesapeake Bay Trust Mini Grant Program. Members Kacher and Robson will lead research and implementation efforts for the project, pending grant approval.

Dog Park – Long-Term Goal: Member McGee will continue to lead efforts toward the long-term goal of establishing a dog park within town limits. The Committee suggested contacting Kent County Parks & Recreation to explore the feasibility of locating a dog park at Toal Park, outside of town.

Town Walk-Through: The Committee agreed to conduct a town walk-through at a later date, weather permitting, to identify areas for improvement.

Mini Walking Path (Jarman Ave & Phelps Ave): Discussion was tabled until the town walk-through is completed to better assess feasibility.

Long-Term Vision Plan for Annexed Lands: Town Administrator Pisapia will review and provide the relevant sections of the Annexation Agreement to determine any tree-planting conditions applicable to the newly annexed areas.

Budget Update: Town Administrator Pisapia informed the Committee that no funds remain in the current fiscal year budget for the Park & Tree Committee. She will recommend establishing a dedicated line item in the next fiscal year's budget.

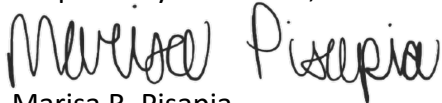
Bradford Pear Tree Removal Program: Town Administrator Pisapia reported that two (2) residents expressed interest and were referred to Shore Rivers. No further Committee action is required at this time.

Galena Elementary School Composting Program: The Committee determined this will not be pursued as a long-term project.

Movie Night Hiking Series: The Committee determined this will not be pursued as a long-term project; however, members will continue to support Movie Night events held at Community Park.

Tree Replacement at Post Office: The Committee determined this will not be pursued as a long-term project.

Respectfully submitted,



Marisa R. Pisapia
Town Administrator
February 26, 2026