



**Glens Falls Business Improvement District
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 20th, 2026**

Members in attendance:

Carly Mankouski	Kate Austin		
Tyler Herrick	Kathy Naftaly	Christina Kaidas	Melanie Weber

Members Excused:

Peter Hoffmann, Dan Burke, Tom O'Neil

Guests:

Amy Collins	Jeff Flagg
Claudia Braymer	Chris Murphy

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 8:07am by Tyler Herrick, Secretary

Meeting Minutes of September 15th, 2026 were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Melanie Weber and seconded by Christina Kaidas. Motion approved Unanimous.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tyler Herrick presented the Treasurer's report. Revenues for the month were \$19419.07 city reimbursement for the non city park flowers. Expenses were Grasshopper Gardens, Insurance, office supplies (check stock), downpayment on the work at the Fountain and Term Loan. The Operating account has \$139,317.75 as of 9.30.2026.

Motion to approve made by Kathy Naftaly, seconded by Melanie Weber. Motion Carried Unanimously.

GF COLLABORATIVE:

Boo to You is this Saturday 2-4 PM (10.24), had a nice hit on Channel 13 regarding the event.
Hometown Holidays 12.4 6-8PM
Ladies Night 12.10

FOUNTAIN UPGRADES:

Work is on hold until National Grid can clear the area for a gas line issue for the adjacent building.

CITY PARK TREE TRIMMING / CITY PARK BANDSTAND:

Kathy Naftaly reported on the meeting she, Dan Burke and a hired arborist had for a full tree evaluation of the Park. Kathy stated that the Library has agreed to cover the full cost of the assessment and report. See Attached Report.

Motion was made by Christina Kaidas to approve the payment of the tree injections up to 1,000.00 for a 3 year treatment cycle, seconded by Kate Austin, motion carried unanimously.

WAYFINDING SIGNAGE:

Melanie Weber reported that the sign is at the planning board for final review, there was a slight delay due to reports the sign needed to be tall enough for ADA compliance, however that is not necessary and they hope to have approvals for installation and construction soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tyler Herrick discussed the 2027 Draft City Budget proposal and changes to the Tourism Department. Tyler drafted and shared a letter the Queensbury Hotel ownership group wrote and sent to the Mayor's office regarding the proposed cuts and concerns from the hotel's perspective. Kate Austin shared an email from the Mayor regarding this letter and concerns regarding the approach. Debate followed and concluded with Tyler Herrick stating he had a meeting with the Mayor that afternoon and would update the board on the outcome of that discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn by Carly Mankouski seconded by Kate Austin. The meeting adjourned at 9:04am.

NEXT MEETING: November 17th, 2026 - 8:00am – The Queensbury Hotel.

Respectfully submitted,
Tyler Herrick

October 2, 2026

Notes from City Park walkabout with arborist, Ryan Robinson from Why-Knot Services, LLC

Present: Dan Burke, Kathy Naftaly, Jeremy Dickinson (Facilities Manager, Crandall Public Library)

General comments: Pesticide on grass will stress trees. Trimming should be done now, over the winter or in early spring. V shapes—new or old growth joints lead to problems, water rot, insects, fungi etc. U shapes are preferred. Usually up to 30% of a tree's branches and crown can be removed without significant damage to the tree.

Park trees with suggested treatments (if necessary):

- Both Ashes (2) suffer from the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle. Both can be treated by injections (estimated costs \$300 to \$450 dollars each year for 2-3 years) and pruning; without mitigation trees will die costing \$5,000 to \$8,000 each for removal.
- Choke Cherries (3) —one or two may need to be removed by back driveway and adjacent to park bench in vicinity of bench and gazebo. V shape problems.
- White Oak (3)—large tree by front of Library needs pruning and the existing cables removed and or reattached properly. All three oaks need 30% trimming.
- Locusts (2)—prune lower limbs and cut off suckers.
- Evergreen Fir—City Christmas Tree, monitor for health.
- Crabapples (1)—prune by 30% and treat for Apple Scab (did not examine any trees in sidewalk buffer).
- Ginkgo (2)—prune up to 30% each.
- Black Walnut (1)—prune 30% including die back.
- Beech (1)—remove several branches.
- Maples (2)—by City Hall flag pole, both in good shape.
- Hickory (2)—in good shape too.

We may have missed a tree or two as the meeting had to end at a certain time. I believe we discussed the most at risk trees with the arborist.

The good news is that most are not in danger of falling over or limbs being lost.

