

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

City of Findlay
February 5, 2025

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Alan Brooks, Chair, Josh Blount, Jane Ebersole, Aaron Osborne, Rick Watson

Members Absent: Councilman Brian Bauman, Tom Mills

Staff Present: Kathy Launder

Guests Present: Councilman Dan DeArment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the December 5, 2024, meeting, by Osborne, second by Watson. Motion passed 5-0.

FINANCE REPORT

Discussed finance report for month ending January 2025.

REPORTS

City Council Report: none

Public Works Department Report: none. Public Works team was absent due to preparing for winter storm.

Engineering Department Report: none

OLD BUSINESS

Arbor Day Celebration: Arbor Day celebration is scheduled at Chamberlin Hill School on Friday May 2, 2025, from 2:00pm-3:30 p.m. Ebersole reported she had met with Principal Melissa Zaciewski in December and will be working with lead teacher, Tonya Thorbahn. Shade Tree Commission members and elected officials will be receiving invitations.

Website Updates: Osborne noted that the website needs updated with new Shade Tree Commission members. Launder said she would take care of updating the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Commission Academy (TCA) Freshman Class offered at Washington Court House: There will be another Freshman TCA class held in Washington Court House.

The Sophomore TCA class in Findlay will be May 14-15, 2025, at First Lutheran Church from 9:00am-3:30pm. Ebersole reminded TCA members that they will need to turn in their receipts for reimbursement.

NeighborWoods/Adopt-A-Tree Program for 2025: We discussed possible locations for Neighborwoods (St. John's Lutheran, YMCA), but will wait for input from Public Works. We will look at dates for Adopt-A-Tree in Spring.

Status of IRA Grant: Launder gave an update on the status of the IRA Grant. The Mayor and Stephanie Miller are still finetuning details of the RFP (request for proposal) for a part-time arborist to help with project-related duties.

Tree City USA Awards Ceremony: Tree City USA Awards Ceremony will be held in Bowling Green on April 16. Invitations should be e-mailed in February.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tree Ordinance Discussion: Councilman Dan DeArment requested information on behalf of Dan Seman and other neighbors from Glendale Ave. He has concerns about future replacements of old growth trees in many of the south-end neighborhoods. We discussed the tree lawn dimensions from the Tree Ordinance and how those will impact future tree replacements. Jane recommended Randy Greeno as a good Council contact since he has served on Shade Tree Commission. She thanked Mr. DeArment for his interest in the workings of the Shade Tree Commission.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Shade Tree Commission will be held on March 5, 2025, at 4pm in the Mayor's Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Ebersole