

# SHADE TREE COMMISSION

City of Findlay

May 7, 2025

---

## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Tom Mills, Acting Chair, Josh Blount, Jane Ebersole, Aaron Osborne, Rick Watson.

Members Absent: Councilman Brian Bauman

Staff Present: Dave Honse, AJ Copus, Jeremy Kalb, Jaclynn Hohman

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the March 5, 2025, meeting, by Watson, second by Ebersole. Motion passed 5-0.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

Discussed finance report for month ending April 2025. The City spent \$3,128.86 on trees since the first of the year, and our balance is \$2,171.14.

### **REPORTS**

City Council Report: no report

Public Works Department Report: A.J. deferred to Adopt-A-Tree report.

Engineering Department Report: Jeremy reported on the #3 Greenway progress. He is working with Dennis McPheron to replace two trees. Rick asked about the distance between the walkway and Rte. 568. Jeremy said 5 feet to 9 feet; they will hug the road as close as possible, but maintaining safety for the drivers and walkers

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Grant Update: The RFP grant is on "pause," but we are trying to move forward. The draft (according to Mayor Muryr's e-mail to Stephanie Miller is currently with Engineering and legal for review. Target date to circulate early May.

COF Shade Tree Ordinance, including Risk Mitigation and Street Clearance Pruning Specs, Removal Specs, and Planting Specs, has been received along with the Jericho example and is under review by administration, currently with engineering and then legal for any questions. Target discussion for June Meeting.

Tree City USA Awards Ceremony: The Tree City USA Awards Ceremony was held in Bowling Green, Ohio, on April 16, 2025. Findlay was honored for 43 years as a Tree City USA community. Tom Mills and Jane Ebersole attended.

Arbor Day Ceremonies: The University of Findlay celebrated on April 25, 2025, with the planting of a flowering pink dogwood. On May 2, 2025, Findlay City Schools celebrated Arbor Day at Chamberlin Hill with the opening of a 25 year time capsule and the planting of an Emerald City Tulip Poplar. Thanks to A.J. and Public Works for handling the OUPS and digging of the hole.

Adopt-a-Tree/NeighborWoods Planting: Copus reported the planting of 33 trees in 4 quadrants of the city as well as working with the Walmart Leadership Academy to plant 5 trees on the NW corner of Swale Park. Still checking with St. John's concerning a Neighborwoods planting for the fall.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Tree Commission Academy: Tom Mills, Rick Watson, and Jane Ebersole continue with the Sophomore class of TCA May 14-15, 2025, at First Lutheran Church.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Ebersole