

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

City of Findlay

June 4, 2025

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Josh Blount, Tom Mills, Aaron Osborne, Rick Watson.

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Dave Honse, Jaclynn Hohman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the May 7, 2025, meeting, by Watson, second by Blount.

Motion passed 4-0.

FINANCE REPORT

Reviewed finance report for month ending May 2025.

REPORTS

City Council Report: no report

Public Works Department Report: no report

Engineering Department Report: no report

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Update: Hohman reported on the status of the grant and that the grant is with the City's Law Director. Once approved, the RFP will go out for the urban forester position. Updates on the RFP process for urban forestry were discussed. The current ordinance changes were reviewed, with feedback noted for further discussion.

Urban Forester Position: Discussion around the role of the urban forester candidate and their responsibilities/pay scale. Concerns regarding the feasibility of the position's duties and how it integrates with city operations were raised. Emphasis on needing to determine clear priorities for urban forestry initiatives. The Commission will provide a list of priority responsibilities to Hohman to add to the RFP.

Setting NeighborWoods Plans: No new updates received related to the Greenwood and Queenswood areas.

Findlay Shade Tree Ordinance Update: AJ Copus is looking at the changes. Changes are highlighted in latest version handed out at meeting. Will go to City's Law Director for review once finalized.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Commission Academy: Upcoming sessions are set for August 13 and 15, 2025, with discussions on funding for attendees.

Grant Application Deadlines: An email from Stephanie Miller, ODNR, mentions a grant application due by August 27. Doesn't seem to be a grant that would be of interest or ability.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Shade Tree Commission will be held on August 6, 2025 at 4pm in the Mayor's Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Aaron Osborne