

# SHADE TREE COMMISSION

City of Findlay  
October 1, 2025

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Josh Blount, Jane Ebersole, Public Works Supervisor AJ Copus, Jaclynn Hohman, City Engineer Jeremy Kalb, Tom Mills, Aaron Osborne, Bill Patch, Rick Watson.

Members Absent: Councilman Brian Bauman

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the September 3, 2025, meeting, by Watson, second by Patch.  
Motion passed 8-0.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

Discussed finance report for month ending August 31, 2025.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Grant/RFP Update: Hohman and Kalb fielded questions on the Grant and RFP. Copus, Steph Miller (Regional Forester), Hohman, Mayor Muryn met to discuss places where the city and the grant process are apart. About 70% agreed on wording, and about 30% with work to do.

Fall Planting Plans: According to Copus, approximately 60 trees were ordered to be planted [33 trees on 17 properties (18 varieties), 3 memorial trees, 12 in the cemetery, and 12 in the parks]. Memorial trees are requested by residents to honor a loved one, and each resident usually has a place that would be special for the loved one. Riverside Park is becoming a bit crowded, but other areas in parks such as Emory Adams.

Tree Commission Academy: Senior Class will be held at First Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with graduation and project presentations on Thursday, December 18.

2025 NW Ohio Urban Forestry Conference: 2025 NW Ohio Urban Forestry Conference will be held at Bluffton University, 9:00-2:45. Register by Tuesday October 14. Registration is \$35.00. Please pay for registration, and then submit to the Mayor's Office for reimbursement through the Grant.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Marketing Plans: We discussed ideas for marketing plans. Hohman and Aaron talked about getting 3 ideas together to present through the paper or other media such as Facebook, etc. First should include information about the Shade Tree Commission itself, then the STC Ordinance, and also the importance and benefits of trees to residents. Jane suggested the Arbor Day Foundation as a source of for materials on the last suggestion.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Ebersole