

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

City of Findlay
November 5, 2025

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

Members Absent: Councilman Brian Bauman

Guests Present: Adrian Murray (student intern from Bluffton High School)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the October 1, 2025, meeting, by Osborne, second by Patch. Motion passed 9-0.

FINANCE REPORT

Discussed finance report for month ending October 2025.

REPORTS

Public Works Department Report: Copus reported that all fall trees have been planted. Green Waste Site is open from 1pm-6pm Tuesday-Friday and Saturday 8am-1pm.

Engineering Department Report: Kalb reported that they are trying to finish up warm weather projects.

OLD BUSINESS

RFP Update: Kalb reported that the RFP is out for submittals.

Findlay Shade Tree Commission Ordinance Update: Hohman reported that a red-lined copy of the ordinance was sent via e-mail to Commission members. Please check and make any necessary comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Commission Academy – Senior Class: Tree Commission Academy Senior Class will be held at First Lutheran Church on November 19, 2025, from 9am to 3pm. Graduation will be December 18, 2025, at noon.

Marketing Plans: Hohman stated that she plans to publish one blurb per month for newspaper and other social media outlets.

Tree City USA Application: Tree City USA application is due in December. Commission members should have their volunteer hours to Kathy Launder before November 21.

Prairie Project: Through Wild Toledo, a prairie will be planted along E. Main Cross Street. Commission members will be assessing trees on November 12, 2025, to mark any for removal during the winter season and evaluate/suggest trees for the buffer zone along the south side, so the prairie project can begin in the spring.

OTHER BUSINESS

America 250 Celebration: Hohman asked for help with ideas for the America 250 celebration coming up in 2026. Can we come up with 250 of the oldest trees in Findlay? Or tag a number of historic trees? Or find a slab/section of a recently felled tree to count rings and mark historic events? Please be thinking of ideas and how to implement for the nation's 250th anniversary celebration.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the City of Findlay Shade Tree Commission will be held on January 7, 2026, at 4pm in the Mayor's Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Ebersole