

**Shade Tree Commission
Minutes
January 10, 2018 at 4:00 pm
Athens City Council Chambers**

Meeting Attendees: John Kotowski, Lee Gregg, Emilie Wood, Nancy Walker, and Geoff Buckley.

1. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right-of-Way Issues, Public Land
There were no Title 33 Issues that came before the Commission today.
2. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues
There were no Title 37 Issues that came before the Commission today.

We did discuss one of the two projects that were presented to us via email by the Director of Development, Enforcement and Facilities, Mr. Sirois. The first project presented was the Stewart McDonald building project (located at the corner of Stewart Street and West State Street. The project was primarily a renovation project, Landscape work, and the addition of seven parking spaces. This project required the addition of one tree. A landscape plan was provided to Mr. Sirois, which contained shade trees in excess of the one this project would require, therefore no action was required by the STC. The second project was the expansion of Little Fish Brewery on Armitage Road. This project involves a building addition of 5,626 sq. ft. In reviewing the project, the Code Enforcement Office indicates that the property has a sufficient number of existing trees to meet the regulations. Therefore, this project required no action by the STC.

Commissioners raised an issue with the Little Fish project. It was felt that trees should be incorporated into projects that will provide shade for buildings, parking areas, and outdoor seating areas. We talked about the fact that it would be nice, if Little Fish is going to be adding trees in the future, that they should consider (assuming the locations are on their property) locations along the bike path, near streams and ponds, and along the west side of the property.

3. Report by Ron Lucas
There was no report today by Ron Lucas.
4. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy
There was no discussion today regarding the tree canopy in Athens, other than the comment that we continue to loose more trees to the Ash Bore.

5. Other

The Commission did raise two items for future consideration regarding recommendation for revisions to the Title 37 Ordinance. Several Commissioners felt the Commission should have more say regarding tree location. It was pointed out that one shade tree will provide the cooling capacity of 5 window air conditioning units. Therefore, I understood that a number of the Commissioners felt getting the trees closer to buildings and parking spaces would be environmentally helpful.

The second item discussed was the desire to use more native trees on the projects within the community. One point made was that native trees are more bird friendly.

6. Minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting.

These minutes we recommended for approval and seconded by Mr. Buckley. The Commission unanimously approved the December minutes.

Next meeting: February 14, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the Athens City Council Chambers

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Hello Everyone. I just thought I would provide a brief update on a couple of Title 41 projects that will not be coming to Shade Tree. I determined the following;

1. Stewmac (Brick Building with Millers Chicken) on 21 n. Shafer, doing interior renovations, they had to add 7 parking spaces, comes out 1260 sq ft, they have provided a landscaping plan and existing plantings, which is above the requirements of one tree.
2. Little Fish Brewery on Armitage Road is expanding the building to 5626 sq ft. Because of being over 5000 sq ft it kicks in Title 41, by 626 sq ft. Needless to say they have plenty of trees on the property which meet the requirements, in addition they will be planting 20 or more trees as time goes on.

I will not be attending the meeting.

Thanks

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Subject: STC minutes

Attached are the minutes of the last meeting.

I have a meeting at the university tomorrow that conflicts with the STC meeting so John has kindly agreed to chair the STC meeting.
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