

Shade Tree Commission
Minutes
October 11, 2018 at 4:00 pm
Athens City Council Chambers

Meeting Attendees: David Ingram, David Sincoff, Emilie Wood, Lee Gregg, Nancy Walker, Peter Kotses, Geoff Buckley, John Kotowski, and Ron Lucas

1. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right-of-Way Issues, Public Land
 - a. Goodwill property on Columbus Road. The Code director has asked for how they are comply. See attached for email chain.
2. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues
No issues
3. Report by Ron Lucas
 - a. Arbor Day on October 19 near West Elementary School at 2:00 PM to plant three trees. There will be 3rd and 4th grade students from West attending and helping with the planting.
 - b. Fall Planting late November and early December. Still working on a supplier
 - c. Ten new trees planted on Tulane.
 - d. Winner of P2 challenge: a tree planted near the West State St. park.
 - e. We have a new certified arborist on the city staff, Coltan James. The commissioners congratulated him and thanked him for working to get this certification.
 - f. Ron is working with OU students to resume the tree inventory project.
 - g. Tree restoration funding available from HapCap, Ron is investigation the possibilities.
 - h. Q. How many trees for fall planting? A. 15-20?
 - i. Q. Status of tree banking, do we have a plan for planting banked trees? A. In concept yes in practice no.
 - j. Q. When do the developers have to pay for tree banking? A. Before a use or zone permit is granted.
 - k. Q. Can we have an update on tree banking? A. Yes, but it will require the City to set up a process to record and monitor it.
 - l. David Sincoff offered to research the minutes on tree banking commitments.
 - m. Q. How to get an update on whether approved plans are being implemented? A. Nancy has a suggestion. This will be discussed the next meeting.
 - n. Leaf pickup starting next Monday. The City has a map showing the areas to be covered each week. Leaves need to be raked out to the curb to be vacuumed up by the City.
 - o. Tree missing at the Overhang on Court St. The City will replace the tree.
 - p. Q. East State St./ US 33 project – are trees to be planted? A. Yes, ultimately, once the project is coming to its end.
 - q. Q. Are there funds or capacity for the City to print an advice brochure? A. Yes, the City can print and distribute them in the utility bills, as well as distribute them to businesses. Nancy is working on a brochure.
4. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy

- a. Tree Survival School on October 20 at Little Hocking Park.
5. Minutes of the September 13th meeting.
These minutes were recommended for approval by John Kotowski and seconded by David Sincoff. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes as presented.