

**Shade Tree Commission
Minutes
March 14, 2018 at 4:00 pm
Athens City Council Chambers**

Meeting Attendees: David Ingram, John Kotowski, Lee Gregg, Emilie Wood, Nancy Walker.

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.
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.
5. Other
Tree City USA award presentation in Portsmouth on April 12 where the City of Athens will be awarded its 27th Tree City USA award.

Lisa Eliason has offered to brief the STC on the Sun Shine Laws of Ohio. David will see if this can be done at the next meeting of the STC.

Nancy questioned on the requirements for trimming of trees by AEP's contractor. David answered that they are expected to follow ISA standards. If trees are thought not to have been pruned to that standard then a photo of the tree needs to be given to Ron Lucas along with the location of the tree.

Lee commented that occasionally the City uses a bush-hog to cut back trees and shrubs that grow of the road. She asked that the owners be warned that this was going to happen so that they can prune back the growth themselves.

John introduced Bryant Noble, who works for AEP as an inspector to ensure that their contractors do prune to ISA standards.

6. Minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting.
These minutes we recommended for approval by John Kotowski and seconded by Nancy Walker. The Commission unanimously approved the February minutes as presented.

Next meeting: April 11, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the Athens City Council Chambers