

**Shade Tree Commission
Minutes
November 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Athens City Council Chambers**

Meeting Attendees: David Ingram, Nancy Walker, Emilie Wood, John Kotowski, Jim Dyer, David Sincoff, Lee Gregg, and Peter Kostas.

1. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right-of-Way Issues, Public Land
 - a. No issues
2. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues
 - a. O'Bleness plan – on hold, waiting for response
 - b. It was proposed the Commission lobbies the City to set up a procedure to deal with banked trees. We may have to decline banking trees because of the lack of a procedure.
 - c. Commissioners were encourage to view the Prokos Athens Central Hotel to check that it complies with Title 37.
3. Ron Lucas report – read in
 - a. Arbor Day - tomorrow (November 15th) at 2 PM. The Art Bench on the bike path spur toward Littlefish. Planting two trees.
 - b. Fall Planting - replacing the trees on Court St. (5), 6 Norway spruce for the uptown planters that will be transplanted after the holidays to the parks, 4 planting sites on Elmwood near E. State St.
 - c. Plans to submit Tree City USA application soon.
4. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy
 - a. It was confirmed that Commissioners can prune small branches from City trees (<2" diameter) particularly when the branches are in the way of pedestrians on sidewalks.
5. Minutes of the October 14th, 2019
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from David Sincoff, seconded by Emilie Wood. The minutes were approved without objection.
6. Next meeting is December 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber