



AGENDA
ATHENS SHADE TREE COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

Streaming is available at www.ci.athens.oh.us/video

- 1. Establish Quorum**
- 2. Disposition of Minutes**
 - June 13, 2024
- 3. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right of Way Issues, Public Land**
 - Pollinator garden permit application, 19 Joneswood
 - Tree removal request
- 4. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues**
- 5. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy**
 - Drought and tree protection discussion and concerns
- 6. New Business**
 - Committees discussion
- 7. Old Business**
 - Arbor Day (need a committee for this)
 - Neighborhood tree planting

- Video feedback
- Update code

8. Announcements & Other Business

- Next meeting: September 12, 2024

9. Adjournment

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Shade Tree Commission

6-13-24

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1. Establish Quorum

- Three of four members present; Christine Fahl, Tristan Kinnison and Michael Lincoln.
- We are looking for other members so please email Christine Fahl at cfahl123@gmail.com if you are interested.

2. Disposition of Minutes

- Minutes of April 11, 2024 meeting were approved.

3. Updates

- Environment & Sustainability Commission
- Environmental and Sustainability Commission met last Wednesday. David Riggs and Christine Fahl attended. The Commission has several initiatives in planning including; pollinators, sustainability and leaves.
- “Leave the Lions” program; dandelions are beneficial because they are first to emerge for pollinators. Looking toward a spring roll out.
- “Leave the Leaves” program. Leaves are beneficial because they help beneficial insects overwinter. The city code has to be checked to determine ramifications.
- We need to get the pollinator program back on track, which the Sustainability folks want also. It requires rewriting a small section of the landscape ordinance, which means it’s on the legislative agenda as well.
- The Sustainability Commission is developing environmental resource page, which our commission can contribute to and items could be linked to both websites.
- The Sustainability Commission also discussed a bio blitz which we could do next spring as a combined effort.
- Arboretum
 - On our website there is a link to minutes and videos of the presentation done last June by our intern, Zan, about a city-wide arboretum. Next steps will be for the two commissions to apply for an intern to help us out, likely in the fall. Good undertaking for a student who needs a capstone project.
 - We apply to organization, join, then establish a mapping program. We’d like to find a tree mapping program that can be used by anyone. We hope to have the protocol in place before bio blitz in the spring.

- Legislative
 - Some of the landscape ordinance needs to be rewritten to make sure we can proceed with pollinator and programs like “Leave the Lions” and “Leave the ILeaves”.
 - Christine and David will work on it and send the commission drafts, with a timeline of August/September.

4. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right of Way Issues, Public Land

- Tree Permit Request - 60 Columbia
 - Mt. Zion Baptist Church is requesting a Bradford Pear at Congress and Carpenter be removed to put in an accessible drive.
 - Approved.
- Tree Permit Request - 32 W. Carpenter
 - Columbia Rd. It’s on city property in non-developed “paper alley”. The tree is leaning into neighbor’s property, and they are concerned that it will fall. In Ohio revised code, a property owner has the right to cut branches from neighboring trees that are over your property.
 - Approved.
- Tree Permit Request - 131 W. State
 - It’s a swamp white oak on the ROW right over sewer line and the owner has had sewer line cleared several times. This is a Health and safety issue.
 - Approved but recommend replacing with a smaller tree that has fewer root issues.

5. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues

- None

6. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy

- None

7. New Business

- Fall tree planting program. Arbor Day folks say they can plant about 20 trees in a weekend. We’re taking orders for trees so contact us if you’re interested in a street tree. There is a form to fill out.
- Christine would like to look into signs noting the trees are part of the city’s tree planting program, so they will spread awareness that the trees and planting are available to any property owner in the city. It would help with branding for the commission.
- Videos. First video up on the website about removing vines from trees. Stream from our website.

8. Old Business

- None

9. Announcements & Other Business

- Next meeting July 11.

10. Adjournment

Minutes submitted by Michael Lincoln



APPLICATION for POLLINATOR GARDEN
CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO
ATHENS CITY CODE TITLE 37.02.04

(For Office Use Only)
Permit # Pol 24-000001
Date Rec'd 7/25/24

Applications must contain all of the following information, plus a sketch of the garden. An incomplete application will not be processed.

Applicant Jared DeForest Phone # 740-707-6187

Address 19 Joneswood Dr.

(If other than applicant)

Property Owner _____ Phone _____

Address of Garden if different than applicants address:

Street Address: _____ City: Athens State: Ohio Zip Code: 45701

By submitting this application, the applicant:

Zone R1

- agrees to reduce all pesticide use on their property
- lists below the pollinator-friendly flowers in bloom in Spring, Summer and Fall on their property
- lists below at least one native pollinator-friendly species on their property
- agrees to take the pollinator pledge.

Along with this application, a sketch of the garden indicating the type and location of each species is required together with the location of a water source, or nesting habitat or protection of a pollinator.

SPRING: 1. American plum, 2. Yellow buckeye, 3. Flowering dogwood, 4. Eastern redbud, 5. Common vetch, 6. Clover, 7. Bloodroot, 8. Trout lily, 9. Prickly pear, 10. Daisy, 11. False Indigo, 12. Spring beauty, 13. Cut-leaved toothwort, 14. Pawpaw.

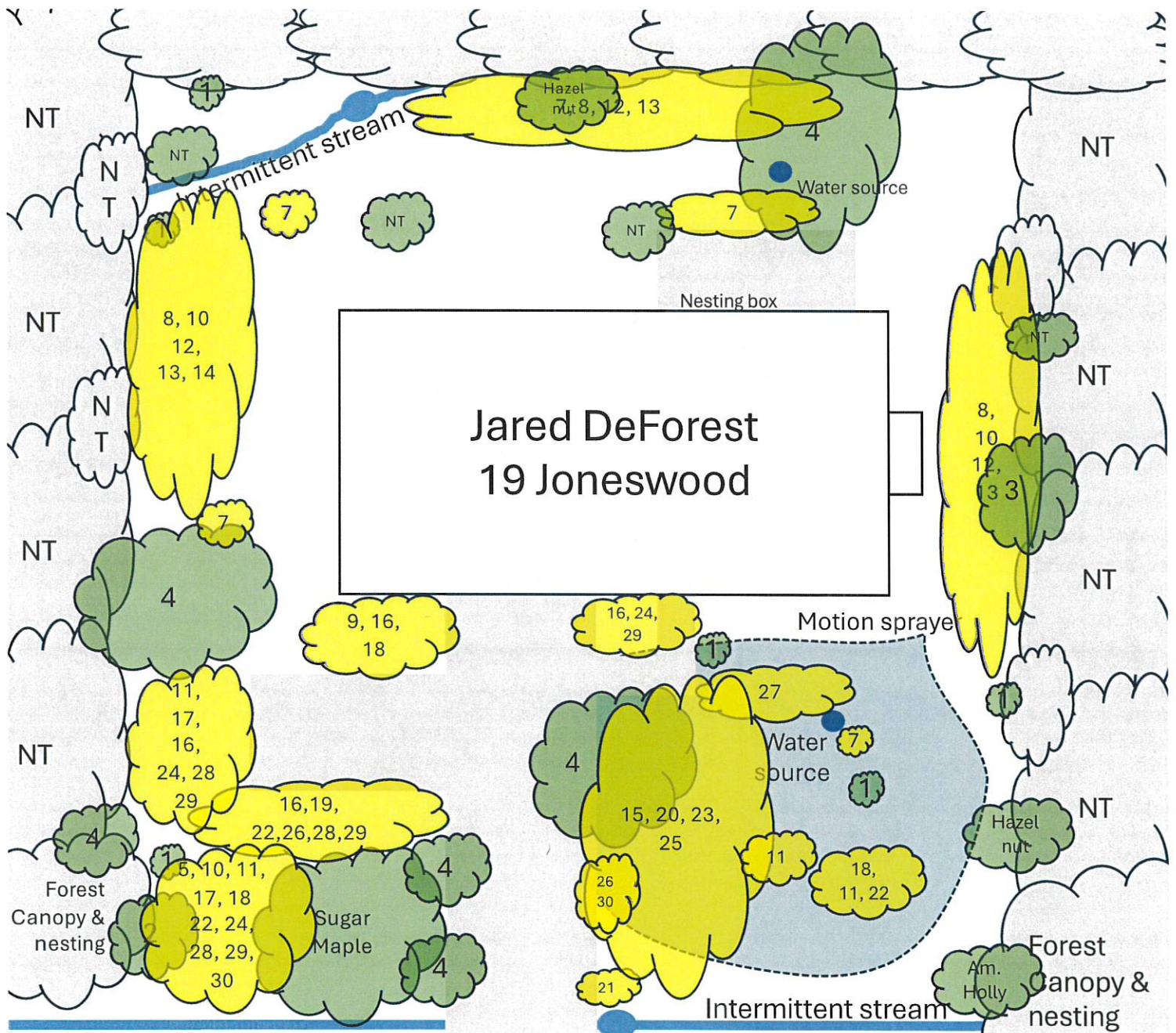
SUMMER: 15. Partridge pea, 16. Cutleaf coneflower, 17. Purple coneflower, 18. Rattlesnake master, 19. Morning glory, 20. Wild bergamot, 21. Swamp milkweed, 22. Butterfly weed, 23. Common milkweed, 24. Ironweed, 25. Black-eyed Susan, 26. Purple passionflower., 27. cupflower

FALL: 28 Aster, 29 Goldenrod, 19 Morning glory, 30 Late Boneset

WINTER: _____

9.10.02.1 - Properties that are registered and in full compliance with the City's native and pollinator-friendly yard registration program, 37.02.04, are exempt from the grass and weed height restrictions. Such registration does not exempt lawn grass, noxious weeds, or state listed invasive species from 9.10.02. If a native and pollinator-friendly registered garden is cited under 9.10.02 for lawn grass greater than 8" in height, invasive plants, or noxious weeds, that garden will lose their registration and cannot apply for the program for one (1) year.

Applicant Signature: Jared DeForest Date: 07/25/2024



Joneswood Dr.

Native Trees (NT) on property: bitternut hickory, shagbark hickory, chinquapin oak, red oak, black oak, Am. beech, black walnut, sweetgum, tulip tree, black cherry, slippery elm, red cedar, Am. hophornbeam, spice bush.

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Code Office Review:

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Approval ☐ Refusal ☐

Shade Tree Commission:

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Approval ☐ Refusal ☐

