

# ATHENS SHADE TREE COMMISSION

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 AT 6:00 PM  
MINUTES**

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**1. Establish Quorum**

Tristan Kinnison, Joanna Sokol, Michael Lincoln

**2. Disposition of Minutes for Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

Michael motioned, Joanna seconded. Approved.

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

None

**4. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues**

None

**5. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy**

None

**6. New Business**

- Pruning workshop planning for Feb. or early Mar. of 2026  
Hold the workshop uptown. There are 3 trees on Court Street neighborhood that could benefit from ground pruning. Hawthornes by parking garage, Kentucky coffee tree that snapped. The work would benefit the trees and be an educational opportunity for the community.
  
- Ideas for new code changes from Ann Bonner  
Language from other cities: Tacoma WA and Mason OH – very detailed tree regulation. There is language that we could use from both documents to update our code. An example: street trees should have 1000 SF of soil, which ours do not.

**7. Old Business**

- STC Code change  
Many people spoke at the city council meeting on Oct. 27 in opposing the City's proposed changes, so they have been withdrawn. We will begin the conversation again constructively and cooperatively.
  
- Nov 1st planting  
Voinovich planting along riparian edge behind Walmart with fruit and native nut trees. All went well.
  
- Nov 8th planting  
35 volunteers of all ages. It took 55 minutes total.  
Tristan checked after the planting on a very windy day and found that the trees may

have to be staked and tubed, which was not part of the initial plan. Tristan has discussed with parks department. They have black plastic piping, and we may be able to get it next week.

#### **8. Announcements & Other Business**

- December 11th, 2025 meeting – Canceled.
- Next meeting: January 21st.

#### **9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Michael. Second - Joanna. Adjourned.