



**Minutes**  
**ATHENS SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

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**1. Establish Quorum**

Tristan Kinnison, Joanna Sokol, Gene Duebler, Megan Almeda – Council Liaison

**2. Disposition of Minutes**

- January 21st, 2026
- Gene motion to accept, 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**

- New applicant for STC, Jonathan Hootman. STC members would like to have him approved and start filling vacant spots on the tree commission.

**7. Old Business**

- BioBlitz Data and Effort
  - Eva Miller spoke about the BioBlitz work and the data from the collection event last spring. She is cleaning up the iNaturalist inventory. Once complete, Tristan will help review. This information will be used privately and only for tree commission or city work.
  - Eva spoke with the city's Urban Planner about making a right-of-way map.
  - Eva and STC members would like to plan another BioBlitz event this spring, before students leave. Tristan will take charge and get the word out on the site and GivePulse.
- Sub Committees
  - Grant Committee - Gene
    - Cycles are closed. Although, Gene will pass along our information to the Athens County Foundation for when something comes along and the cycles open again.
  - Tree List Committee - Tristan
    - Nothing to report at the moment.

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

- Megan will approach the soccer community and the nonprofit board about planting trees near the west side soccer fields.
  - The area has no current shade and is heavily trafficked during soccer season. The community would like to create a space for the attendees.
- Next meeting: March 18th, 2026

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn – Joanna, Second – Gene. Meeting adjourned.

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