



**Minutes**  
**ATHENS SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

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**1. Establish Quorum**

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

**2. Disposition of Minutes**

- February 18th, 2026
- Joanna motion to accept, Gene 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**

- Trees on the bike path were staked by the Parks Department

**6. New Business**

- Welcome Sam Khoury to the Commission.
- There are still 3 open seats.
  - New applicant for STC, Jonathan Hootman. STC members would like to have him approved and start filling vacant spots on the tree commission.
- Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> Bio Blitz.
  - STC and volunteer will walk streets and take tree reports using iNaturalist.
    - Looking at the West Side – Tristan has 3 routes in mind (Highland Park area, up and down Central, up Washington and back)
  - Tristan will notify city about the date, location and times to put up on GivePulse and Facebook.
- Joanna will reach out to Ryan to get Sam on the website.
- Tristan will send out By-Laws

**7. Old Business**

- Sub Committees
  - Grant Committee - Gene
    - Things are quiet. Gene is still putting things together for when they are not and grants are open.
  - 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.
  - Nothing new to report on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## **9. Adjournment**

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

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