



AGENDA
ATHENS SHADE TREE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

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1. Establish Quorum

2. Disposition of Minutes

- April 15th, 2026

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

- Carpenter St landscaping site walkthrough
 - Plans still being updated, waiting on response from American StructurePoint with adjustments
 - Big changes, hoping to amend towards a tree lawn rather than individual pits
- Johnny Appleseed Park
 - Currently being used as staging for utility work, several shrubs removed
 - Plans to renovate?

4. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues

5. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy

- Stimson Bike Path Planting Replacements

6. New Business

- Fall Plantings and Arbor Day Event
 - Westside plantings? Where, when, how many?
 - OU Soccer field
 - Coordinating with Stimson replacements
- Chris Hedges application for appointment

7. Old Business

- Bioblitz
 - Need help with ID's, will reach out to Eva to update GIS template
- Subcommittees
 - Overhaul of recommended tree list
 - Highlighted trees to remove

8. Announcements & Other Business

- Next meeting: June 17th, 2026

9. Adjournment

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1. Establish Quorum

Tristan Kinnison, Joanna Sokol, Gene Duebler, Issam Khoury, Megan Almeda – Council Liaison, Tom Pyle - Mayor's Designee

2. Disposition of Minutes

- March 18th, 2026
- Gene motion to accept: Gene, Seconded. Approved

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

Carpenter St utility work plans and trees

2 attendees spoke on the matter.

- Glen Matlack citizen of Athens
 - Suggests retrofitting to accommodate trees, tree pit does not subtract from the usable space
 - Glen proposed having 4 ft in depth. It would be beneficial to have the depth information for utilities to move forward.
- Gillian Garland from Engineering & Public Works Department
 - This is a state funded project with a strict timeline of November.
 - The main bulk of this project is to put conduit underground. AEP will be putting powerlines.
 - Landscapers - [American StructurePoint](#). They haven't commented back on the new plans yet. This project was modeled after previous projects.
 - The contractor still owes the schedule to EPW. They will have better ideas on the phase by phase once they receive it. Tristan asked, "Could the planting spaces be left separate and finished later?"
 - Any revisions to the planting list will have to get approved.
 - Gillian will work out a time for STC and EPW to meet and walk this area of the project.

STC Responses and Suggestions

- Tristan suggested... to accommodate a large increase of ideal planting, putting the trees closer with some shrubs or perennials instead of individual tree pits spaced out. He will get in touch with StructurePoint.
- Gene is concerned about the existing trees within the small pits.

Questions for EPW:

- Q: Do we know if we will need to do removals of trees prior? A: Plans do not call out existing trees. EPW wants more guidance from StructurePoint.
- Q: Do we have any guidance for contractors on tree protection and drilling? Yes, EPW has that and soil type. Plantings will be done at the end of the project.
- Q: Does EPW have the capacity to water trees already there during the summer? A: Usually parks and rec will do this. Tristan will loop Katherine Ann and Jared together
- Q: Is the sidewalk removed? A: Yes
- Q: Do conduits go under trees? A: Yes, partially.

Parking Garage Construction Issue

A tree was removed without STC's approval.

4. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues

N/A

5. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy

N/A

6. New Business

N/A

7. Old Business

- Bioblitz - Moving it to Sunday, April 19th due to rain in the forecast.
 - Meet at 11am, 1 Curran Drive (by public works and old elementary school)
- Subcommittees
 - Overhaul of recommended tree list
 - Tristan talked to Gary Conley from Ohio Invasive Plants Council about help with the list.
- List Serve needs to go onto website email (add tom tpyle@ci)

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

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Athens Shade Tree Commission
Tree List for the Landscape Ordinance, Title 37

Large Species (at least 45 feet high at maturity in a good location)
(Not to be planted under high-voltage utility wires)

Hybrid Red Maple or Freeman Maple, <u>Acer x freemanii</u> ¹	<u>Catalpa speciosa</u> ^{2,3,4}
Black Maple <u>Acer nigrum</u>	American Beech <u>Fagus grandifolia</u>
Norway Maple, <u>Acer platanoides</u> , varieties	Ginkgo, <u>Ginkgo biloba</u> l
Red Maple, <u>Acer rubrum</u> , varieties	Thornless Honey Locust, <u>Gleditsia tricanthos</u> , varieties
Silver Maple, <u>Acer sacchararium</u> ²³	Kentucky Coffee Tree, <u>Gymnocladus dioicus</u> ⁴
Sugar Maple, <u>Acer saccharum</u> , varieties	Black Walnut <u>Juglans nigra</u>
Ohio Buckeye <u>Aesculus glabra</u> ⁴	Tulip Tree <u>Liriodendron tulipifera</u> ¹
Common Horsechestnut <u>Aesculus hippocastrum</u> ⁴	Sweetgum <u>Liquidambar</u> ^{1,3}
Yellow Buckeye <u>Aesculus octandra</u> ⁴ or <u>Aesculus flava</u> ⁴	Cucumber Tree <u>Magnolia acuminata</u>
Black Alder, <u>Alnus glutinosa</u>	Dawn Redwood, <u>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</u> ¹
Yellow Birch <u>Betula alleghaniensis</u>	Black Gum or Tupelo, <u>Nyssa sylvatica</u> ¹
Sweet Birch <u>Betula lenta</u>	London Planetree, <u>Platanus acerifolia</u>
Paper Birch <u>Betula papyrifera</u>	American Sycamore, <u>Platanus occidentalis</u>
Bitternut Hickory <u>Carya condiformis</u>	White Poplar <u>Populus alba</u>
Red Hickory <u>Carya glabra</u>	Balsam Poplar <u>Populus balsamifera</u>
Shagbark Hickory <u>Carya ovate</u>	Eastern Cottonwood <u>Populus deltoidas</u>
American Chestnut <u>Castanea dentate</u>	Bigtooth Aspen <u>Populus grandidentata</u>
Sugar Hackberry, <u>Celtis laevigata</u>	Lombardy Poplar <u>Populus nigra</u>
Hackberry, <u>Celtis occidentalis</u>	Quaking Aspen <u>Populus tremubides</u>
Catalpa,	Black Cherry <u>Prunus serotina</u>
	White Oak,

Quercus alba¹
 Swamp White Oak,
Quercus bicolor
 Scarlet Oak,
Quercus coccinea¹
 Shingle Oak,
Quercus imbricaria
 Chinkapin Oak,
Quercus muehlenbergii
 Bur Oak,
Quercus macrocarpa
 Chestnut Oak,
Quercus prinus
 Chinkapin Oak,
Quercus muehlenbergii
 Pin Oak,
Quercus palustris²
 Willow Oak,
Quercus phellos
 Chestnut Oak,
Quercus prinus
 English Oak,
Quercus robur
 Red Oak,
Quercus rubra¹

Shumard Oak,
Quercus shumardii
 Black Oak,
Quercus velutina
 Weeping Willow
Salix babylonica
 Black Willow
Salix nigra
 Japanese Pagoda,
Sophora japonica⁴ or
Styphnolobium japonicum⁴
 Bald Cypress,
Taxodium distichum
 American Linden,
Tilia americana
 Littleleaf Linden,
Tilia cordata
 Crimean Linden,
Tilia x ecuchlora
 Silver Linden,
Tilia tomentosa
 Elm, disease resistant,
Ulmus spp.
 Japanese Zelkova,
Zelkova serrata

Medium Species (30-45 feet high at maturity in a good location):
 (Not to be planted under high-voltage utility wires)

Hedge Maple,
Acer campestre
 Boxelder
Acer negundo
 Red Horsechestnut,
Aesculus xcarnea⁴
 River Birch,
Betula nigra
 European Hornbeam,
Carpinus betulus
 Katsura Tree,
Cercidiphyllum japonicum
 American Yellowwood,
Cladrastis lutea^{1,4} or

Cladrastis kentukea^{1,4}
 Common Persimmon
Diospyros virginiana
 Hardy Rubber Tree,
Eucommia ulmoides
 Golden Rain Tree,
Koelreuteria paniculata⁴
 Osage-Orange
Maclura pomifera
 Magnolia Hybrids,
Magnolia sp.⁴
 American Hophornbeam,
Ostrya virginiana
 Amur Cork Tree,

Phellodendron amurense¹
Sawtooth Oak,
Quercus acutissima
Sassafras
Sassafras albidum

Japanese Stewartia,
Stewartia pseudocamellia⁴
Lacebark Chinese Elm,
Ulmus parvifolia

Small Species (15-30 feet high at maturity in a good location)

(To count for Title 37, may only be planted under high-voltage utility wires, where three small trees equals one large shade tree)

Trident Maple,
Acer buergeranum¹
Amur Maple
Acer ginnala¹
Canyon Maple,
Acer grandidentatum
Paperbark Maple,
Acer griseum¹
Tatarian Maple,
Acer tataricum
Shantung Maple,
Acer truncatum
Red Buckeye
Aesculus pavia⁴
Serviceberry,
Amelanchier sp. (tree forms)^{1,4}
Pawpaw
Asimina triloba
American Hornbeam,
Carpinus caroliniana
Redbud
Cercis canadensis
Chinese Fringetree
Chionanthus retusus
Virginia Fringetree,
Chionanthus virginicus⁴
Hybrid Dogwoods
Cornus florida x Cornus kousa⁴
Kousa Dogwood,
Cornus kousa^{1,4}
Prunus virginiana
Japanese Snowbell
Styrax japonicus
Japanese Tree Lilac,

Cornelian Cherry (dogwood),
Cornus mas.⁴
Smoketree,
Cotinus spp.⁴
Lavalle Hawthorn,
Crataegus lavalleyi⁴
Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn,
Crataegus crusgalli inermis¹
Green Hawthorn,
Crataegus viridis
Carolina Silverbell
Halesia tetraptera
Witch-Hazel
Hamamelis virginiana
Amur Maackia,
Maackia amurensis
Magnolia Hybrids (tree form),
Magnolia spp.⁴
Red Mulberry
Morus rubra
Sourwood,
Oxydendron arboreum^{1,4}
Pin Cherry
Prunus pensylvanica
Sargent Cherry,
Prunus sargentii^{1,4}
Sand Cherry,
Prunus spp.⁴
Choke Cherry

Syringa reticulata⁴
Pekin Lilac or Peiking Lilac,
Syringa pekinensis⁴ or

Syringia reticulata subsp. *pekinensis*
Blackhaw Viburnum,

Viburnum prunifolium^{1,4}

Crabapple,

Malus spp. (disease resistant)⁴

Weeping Spreading Form: Molten Lava,
Red Jade, Mary Potter, White Cascade.

Small Spreading Form: *Malus argentii* and
M. Sargentii 'Rosea'.

Large Rounded Form: Donald Wyman,
Sugar Tyme, *Malus baccata* 'Jackii', Bob
White.

Upright Form: Sentinel.

Unusual Form: Strawberry Parfait with
unusual upright spreading erratic growth
form.

If in doubt about a particular tree, we recommend you consult with a professional landscaper before. There are also links at our website where more information can be found.

¹ Noted for Fall color

² Only for large areas

³ Not suitable for the Right of Way

⁴ Flowering tree