

## Minutes of the Avon Lake Citizens Tree Commission

February 12, 2025, 6pm, Old Firehouse

### Roll Call:

- **Voting Members:** Amanda Byrnes; Kim Currie, Katie Downie; Sue Newcomb; Terry Robison; Council representative Jennifer Fenderbosch; Urban Forester (Vacant)
- **Guests:** Jon Liskovec, Public Works Director

**Quorum:** Yes

### Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2024

### City Council Report:

- **Legacy Tree Program** - recommended changing to a lucite box and using envelopes that allow individuals to record their names, address, contact info and donation amount. Finance person will collect periodically. Similar box at the Avon library, to be photographed to mimic, as it is working well. Concern of how to sell the program? Sell as an urban forestry program. Possibly change the title? To be discussed at a future Tree Commission Meeting.
- **Forest Management Plan** - final plan presented for review.  
Motion to recommend the Avon Lake Urban Forest Management Plan be moved to Public Service Committee by Ms. Downie, 2nd by Ms. Newcomb. Unanimous.
- Vote to amend motion to include the Urban Forestry Work Plan by Councilwoman Fenderbosch, 2nd by Ms. Newcomb. Unanimous
- Motion to recommend the Avon Lake Urban Forest Management Plan with Urban Forestry Work Plan to be moved to Public Service Committee by Ms. Downie, 2nd by Ms. Newcomb. Unanimous.

### Public Works Report:

- Street tree pruning has been completed, over 360 trees pruned. Public parks were at 125.
- Avon Lake awarded Tree City USA for 2024.
- Young tree training class hosted by ODNR on March 13th.

### Urban Forester Report:

### Environmental Affairs Advisory Board (EAAB) report:

- Funds included in the budget for giveaway in Fall Fest, possibly a tree.

### Old Business

- **ALGC Plant Sale** – seedling delivery May 7
- **Big Tree contest** - Arbor Day activities, possible mayor proclamation and donation at fall fest?

### New Business:

- **Underground utility lines/PUCO** - discussion about concerns with digging and depth underground
- **Planting spoils with HOAs** - possible opportunity to plant areas into a more ecological friendly space, including pollinators and native plants.
- **Avon Lake Tree Ordinance** - reviewed and made edits. To be reviewed by Public Works Director and brought to next meeting for final review.
- **Avon Lake Tree Commission Strategic Plan review** - renamed to City of Avon Lake Tree Commission Strategic Plan.  
Motion to recommend to Public Service Committee the new City of Avon Lake Tree Commission Strategic Plan for review by Ms. Currie, 2nd by Ms. Downie. Unanimous.
- **Ohio Urban Forestry Grant** - possibility to get a 50/50 grant, John to explore with Matt Liden.
- **Harlem Wizard Game** - Monday, February 17th at 5:30 p.m., outreach program for Tree Commission

Motion for Tree Commission to represent at a table at the Harlem Wizard game by Mr. Robinson, 2nd by Kim Currie.

**Other Items:**

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion by Councilwoman Fenderbosch, 2nd by Mr. Robinson. Unanimous.

**Next meeting:** March 12, 2025 **5:30 pm**, Old Firehouse

2025 Meeting Calendar –

March 12\*

April 9

May 7

June 11

July 9

August 13

September 10

October 8

November 12

December 10

\*All meetings begin at 6:00 pm at the Old Firehouse except the March 12 meeting will start at 5:30 pm