

Minutes of the Avon Lake Citizens Tree Commission

March 12, 2025, 5:30 pm, Old Firehouse

Present:

- **Voting Members:** Sue Newcomb; Terry Robison; Council representative Jennifer Fenderbosch
- **Guests:** Jon Liskovec, Public Works Director; Gina Prescott, Avon Lake Girl Scout representative

Quorum: No

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- No quorum

City Council Report:

- City will have new Director of Community Technology (Rob Rua) beginning Monday, March 17, 2025. Need to connect with this person (Katie?). Mr. Rua was previously with Cuyahoga Public Library system.
- North Coast Urban Forest Conference, April 2, 2025 @ Tri C in Highland Hills. Public Works and Tree Commission will each send 3 representatives.
- Tree City USA Awards. 5 TC and staff to Tom's Country Place in Avon on May 15, 2025.
- Jennifer and Terry made a presentation to the Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club covering topics including the benefits of trees and urban forests, tree maintenance, and tree selection.

Public Works Report:

Urban Forester Report:

Environmental Affairs Advisory Board (EAAB) report:

- New Chair elected (Mike McCormick from Applied Specialities)

Old Business

- Tree Ordinance edits (Ch. 1018)
 - Discussion and minor edits based on Columbus recent changes to their tree related ordinances. Copies sent to TC members to discuss at next meeting.
- Arbor Day – April 25
 - 1) Mayor proclamation reading, 2) Tree Commission remarks, 3) tree planting (6 trees total). Will invite Bay Village Tree Commission members to attend. Public Works Director Liskovec and staff coordinating planting.
- ALGC Plant Sale – May 10
 - At Goddard School, ALGC to help package 75 seedlings and pot 25 May 7
- Big Tree contest – posted (<https://www.lorainswcd.com/big-tree-contest>)
 - Need to get information out via ALCTV, Facebook, newsletter; need to work on prizes.
- Fall Festival – September 27, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Bleser Park after Homecoming Parade

New Business:

Other Items:

- Girl Scout representative Gina Prescott requested that the Tree Commission consider joint activities to include Girl Scouts from the area.
- Collective Committee meeting on March 17 at 7 pm – may be discussion on memorial tree dedication program "Plant a Tree, Grow a Legacy". Terry will attend.

Motion to adjourn: Sue motion, Terry seconded

Next meeting: April 9, 2025 6:00 pm, Old Firehouse