

Minutes of the Avon Lake Citizens Tree Commission

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

Present:

- **Voting Members:** Kim Currie; Katie Downie; Sue Newcomb; Terry Robison; Council representative Jennifer Fenderbosch
- **Guests:** Kathy Ferberdino, citizen

Quorum: Yes

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- Approval of minutes from February 12, 2025 Katie approved, and Sue seconded; Approval of minutes from March 12, 2025 Kim approved, and Sue seconded.

City Council Report:

- Strategy for Tree Commission (voted on 4/28), next 2nd reading
- AL Urban Forest Management Plan (voted on 4/28), next 2nd reading
- Legacy Tree Program – “Plant a Tree, Grow a Legacy.”

Public Works Report:

- Tree giveaway at Harlem Wizards ~ Council representative Jennifer Fenderbosch moved that the tree commission allocates \$200-\$300 to the Harlem Wizards Tree Giveaway for the purchase of Jane Magnolia Tree from the \$1200 allocated public outreach fund. Katie seconded, passed.

Urban Forester Report:

Environmental Affairs Advisory Board (EAAB) report:

Old Business

- Tree Ordinance edits (Ch. 1018) -finalize- Katie recommended to Public Service Committee and moved to accept the tree ordinance edits, Sue seconded.
- 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:

- Establish a list of recommended species for public property in Avon Lake (per ALTC Strategic Plan).
- 2025 Ohio Division of Forestry Grants
- Master Tree Planting Design (aka Master Tree Plan)
- Fruit tree pruning workshop – February/March 2026

Other Items:

- Reminder: packing and potting redbud seedlings May 8 @ 1:30 pm, Public Works south garage
- AOTLGC Plant Sale (May 10)

Motion to adjourn: Jennifer motion, Sue seconded

Next meeting: May 14, 2025, at 6:00 pm, Old Firehouse

Next meeting: June 11, 2025, 6:00 pm, Old Firehouse (Robison will be absent)

2025 Meeting Calendar –

June 11

July 9

August 13

September 10

October 8

November 12

December 10