

Minutes of the Avon Lake Citizens Tree Commission

May 14, 2025, 6:00 pm, Old Firehouse

Present:

- **Voting Members:** Amanda Byrnes; Kim Currie, Katie Downie; Sue Newcomb; Terry Robison; Council representative Jennifer Fenderbosch; Urban Forester (Vacant)
- **Guests:** None

Quorum: Yes

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- Approval of minutes from April 9, 2025 Katie motioned, and Sue seconded. Unanimous.

City Council Report:

- The Avon Lake Urban Forest Management Plan and Avon Lake Tree Commission Strategic Plan have been passed through council.

Public Works Report:

Urban Forester Report:

Environmental Affairs Advisory Board (EAAB) report:

- EAAB to give the Tree Commission \$500 to purchase tree seedlings.

Old Business

- Big Tree contest – marketing to begin on social media soon. Seeking prizes for winners of the contest.
- Ordinance edits – updates made to tree replacement ordinance.

New Business:

- 2025 Ohio Division of Forestry Grants - workshops for the grant scheduled June 5th and June 10th. Proposed work in communities outside of eligible census tracts subject to DOF approval. Councilwoman Fenderbosch will attend.
- Master Tree Planting Design (aka Master Tree Plan) – Important that we complete this. Suggestions to be part of contract with tree inventory or as a stand alone contract with separate contractor.
- Fenderbosch working on providing a fruit tree pruning workshop in February/March 2026 - seeking an orchard owner for a demonstration. Ohio State Extension will provide presentation on pruning.

Other Items:

- Discussion about meeting dates, possible change of meeting date.

Motion to adjourn:

- Katie motioned, Kim seconded.

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