

**Minutes of the Avon Lake Tree Commission
September 10, 2025, 6:00 pm, Old Firehouse**

Roll Call:

- **Voting Members:** Amanda Byrnes; Sue Newcomb; Terry Robison; Council representative Jennifer Fenderbosch.
- **Absent (excused):** Kim Currie, Katie Downie

Quorum: Yes

Guests: None

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2025. Terry moved, Amanda 2nd. Unanimous.

City Council Report:

- Discussed the City Tree Ordinance that was approved by Council on September 8th.
- Candidates for the City Engineer position continue to be interviewed.
- A candidate for the Supervisor in the Public Works department has been hired.

Public Works Report:

- Urban Forester position on hold.
- Nine trees need removal in Belle Road park because of an oak wilt infection.
- Care of the fruit trees at the Old Firehouse will be transferred to Bartlett Tree Experts.

Urban Forester Report:

Environmental Affairs Advisory Board (EAAB) report:

- A chair-elect was named (Eric Krieg).
- Discussion about the power plant.
- The meeting did not have a quorum and was mostly discussion.

Unfinished Business

- Fall Fest (September 27, 11:00 – 1:00, Bleser Park; after parade)
 - The Tree Commission has 21 red bud saplings in pots to contribute to the Fall Fest raffle.
 - Donors agreed to let us use gift certificates for Fall Fest instead of the Big Tree Contest because there were no entries for the contest.

New Business:

- Arbor Day - April 24, 2026
- AL Garden Club Plant Sale - May 9, 2026
- Discussion on programming for Arbor Day. Continue with a proclamation and tree planting on Arbor Day.
- Motion to recommend to the Public Works Director purchase of three (3) 1.5" caliper trees and 50 seedlings for use for a Arbor Day celebration, contingent on funds. Seedlings to be potted for giveaway; trees to be planted at city site to be determined. Terry moved, Sue 2nd. Unanimous.

Other Items:

- Tree City USA Awards - May 14, 2026.
- Graduation for Katie, Kim and Sue from Tree Commission Academy - December 2, 2025.

Motion to adjourn: Amanda moved, Terry 2nd. Unanimous

Next meeting: October 8, 2025, 6:00 pm, Old Firehouse

2025-26 Meeting Calendar – November 12, December 10, January 14, 2026, February 11