

Citizens Tree Commission Agenda

June 8, 2022, 7:00 pm, Old Firehouse

Roll Call: Voting Members: Amanda Byrnes, Michael Thain, Terry Robison, Councilwoman Jennifer Fenderbosch

Quorum: Yes or No

Old Business:

- **Arbor Day tree giveaway:** Commit for next year? Lubrizol will continue to sponsor.
- **Tree City USA**
 - Need someone in charge to keep track of accomplishments, categories for 2022
- **Old business topics for next meeting in October** (please be thinking of these and jot down ideas for solutions):
 - **Public Outreach & City Website – please think about these**
 - What is our next public education activity? How do we publicize?
 - Discuss methods to enhance public outreach and engagement. (*NOTE: ≥75% of Avon Lake's urban forest is on private land – how do we best promote proper stewardship of that land and for the benefit of Avon Lake's urban forest?*)
 - Discuss changes or is a complete revamping to webpage needed
 - Include: FAQ section and section with links to credible sites, tree list (recommended or not recommended or both?).
 - **City Tree Nursery**
 - Discuss whether/how to proceed with developing nursery and potential site (fenced area behind kennels; Joe Reitz also indicated site to north of service road near compost piles).

New Business:

- **New Arborist hiring discussion**
 - Need regarding health of Avon Lake urban forest and also Tree City USA certification
 - Role of CTC: recommend urgent attention to this matter and request that CTC be included on review of job description and interviews of prospective candidates.
- **Open Discussion**
 - Introduction to topic: Avon Lake Street Tree Plan/Arboricultural Specifications and Standards;
 - What does AL use to protect trees/cutting prior to subdivision development?
 - Are there incentives/penalties for tree protection/removal along riparian zones of Gabel, Powdermaker and Heider creeks and other included wetland areas?
 - Protection of “Heritage Trees” (older, larger trees on all property)?
- **Potential Donation from Friends of the Park in Avon Lake**
- **Motion for Adjournment**

2022 Remaining CTC Meetings Scheduled to date: Oct 12th, Nov 9th, Dec 14th (possibly off site)