



SHAKER HEIGHTS

Tree Advisory Board Agenda

Conference Room B, City Hall

February 14, 2023 at 4:00 pm

1. TAB Minutes 11-8-22

Documents:

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2. Presentation on Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Decision

Presented by: Director Gruber

3. Presentation on Zoning Code Provisions for Tree Replacement

Presented by: Dan Feinstein, Senior Planner

4. Forester's Report

5. Chairperson's Report

- Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony
- Arbor Day Children' Bookmark Design Project
- Northcoast Urban Tree Conference- March 3rd
- Growing not Mowing site update on funding and invasive species
- Tree City USA Awards

6. New Business

- Next meeting date
- Next meeting agenda requests

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**MINUTES
TREE ADVISORY BOARD
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022
CONFERENCE ROOM B, CITY HALL
4:00pm**

Members Present: Nancy Moore, Council Chair
Ann Williams, Council Member
Tim Kalan, Citizen Member
Reid Coffman, Citizen Member
Nate Smith, Citizen Member
George Eaton, Citizen Member
Charles Orłowski, Superintendent of Forestry

Also Present: Kara O'Donnell, Principle Planner
Nick Fletcher, Friends of Lower Lake
Kelly Baker, Recording Assistant, Public Works

CALL TO ORDER – 4:00pm
Nancy Moore, Council Chair

APPROVAL OF August 9, 2022 MEETING MINUTES
Nancy Moore, Council Chair

Council Chair Moore asked if there were any questions, changes or additions to the August 9, 2022, minutes. There were none, a motion was made by Citizen Member Kalan, it was seconded by Council Member Williams and the motion was approved.

HERITAGE TREE AWARDS
Nancy Moore, Council Chair

The Heritage Tree Awards were awarded to the 2022 three recipients and their families. Forester Orłowski, Council Chair Moore and Citizen Member Coffman presented each family with a plaque.

FORESTER'S REPORT
Charles Orłowski, Superintendent of Forestry

Forester Orłowski shared that the Forestry Department has pruned over 25.5 miles and that exceeded expectations. He mentioned they have planted 445 trees this year. Forester Orłowski sited 45 residents for nuisance trees issues.

Forester Orlowski discussed how he the Onaway triangle is complete and looks amazing. The Recreation Department was anchoring down the benches.

Forester Orlowski applied for another ODNR grant to plant 31 trees this spring in the Lower Lake area. He stated that the nurseries supply is not as diverse but we are looking for native plants. Citizen Member Nate Smith ask if the board can see a list of non-native species.

The Public Works Department will host a Young Tree Maintenance class given by Former ODNR Forester Allen Siewart on December 7.

Forester Orlowski mentioned preparing the application to recertify the City as a Tree City USA Community. He also applied for the Growth Award.

CHAIR PERSONS REPORT

Council Chair Moore stated there would be articles for the Tree News regarding The Spotted Bug Story. She also discussed the yearend report to the Mayor was completed November 4th.

SITE 1 GROWING NOT MOWING UPDATE

Nick Fletcher, from Friends of Lower Lake gave an update on the planting events for the no mow site one. He stated the concept was to stop mowing and plant native seeds for strategic planting. They collected 1,000 pin oaks and hope to run a removal event of non-native and invasive species each year. He mentioned getting residents to buy into the process.

Nate Smith stated that no mow site two planting event was a success and said it was nice to have experienced people volunteer.

Council Chair Moore stated that there needs to be a purchasing process to better utilize the grant money to make it easier to disperse the funds.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE PLAN

Kara O'Donnell, City Principal Planner

Planner O'Donnell discussed the Warrensville West Cemetery renovation and how the city is partnered with Historical Society. The first buried body was in 1811. She showed plans for the plantings and renovation, stating trees and cemeteries don't mix because this cemetery is on a one acre lot. She talked about the process of finding where the bodies are buried by using specialized equipment. Council Chair Moore said this is in collaboration with the Sustainable committee, the Tree Advisory Board and the City Forestry department.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Chair Moore discussed the new house being built at 22276 Shelburne and had a few residents, Bill Newby and Barbara Hill, talk about the removal of trees to accommodate the new house. This new build will require tearing down a house and taking over three lots. They wanted to talk about how the city's zoning requires for every tree removed a tree needs to be replaced for commercial and residential properties. The residents are not pleased with the plans as they show they will remove ten trees and only plant three new ones. Council Chair Moore stated that she wrote a letter to the Planning Department about these trees on behalf of the residents.

Nick Fletcher stated that he looked at the plans and they did not list the species of trees they would be planting/Citizen Member Coffman said this brings up some challenges with the cities' goal to protect the urban forest.

The Board agreed that there is an issue with removing so many trees.

Tree Advisory Board 2022 Meetings

2023 Meetings

February 14, 2023

April 11, 2023

April 28, 2023- Arbor Day (no official meeting)

August 15, 2023

November 14, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Moore, Council Chairperson
Tree Advisory Board