



Shade Tree and Beautification  
Commission Meeting

Minutes

July 25, 2017  
3:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kate Burley	Board Member	Present	
James Brown	Chair	Present	
Brian Ball	City Engineer	Present	
Joel Daniels	Safety Service Director	Absent	
Marilyn Nagy	Board Member	Absent	
Dave Carpenter		Absent	
Tom Mickley	Board Member	Present	
Jim Meyer	Board Member	Absent	

Judy Ashcraft - Recording Secretary  
Brian Wade - Wade and Gatton  
Katie Gibson - Summer help for Engineering and Bob Giehl - Citizen  
Susan Kahrl - City Council

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

- Shade Tree and Beautification - Commission Meeting - Jun 27, 2017 3:00 PM

Mr. Mickley made a motion to accept the June 27, 2017 minutes. Ms. Burley seconded the motion. AIF, motion carries.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Brown reported that the Finances are in good shape. There are sufficient funds for planting trees this fall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bob Giehl, 954 Beech St., Mount Vernon, Ohio introduced himself and stated that he is interested in helping with the Shade Tree Commission. He lived in California for 30 years and has always had an interest in trees. He has a Boy Scout Merit Badge in Forestry and has taken Horticulture classes in California. He was a Tree Amigo in California which was an outreach programs for trees and was a Master Gardener in California, West Virginia and Knox County. He was a County Ambassador to the Governors Gardens originated by Hope Taft and was in charge of the Botanical Gardens in Virginia. Mr. Giehl stated that he would like to join the Shade Tree Commission or help in any way he could.

Mr. Brown stated that the commission would love to have his help.

## **SCALE INFESTATION**

Mr. Mickley had identified some of the sweet gum trees that did not look good along Mount Vernon Ave. at Memorial Park. Lisa Bowers, ODNR had sent the branches to OSU and when they came back the report showed that we have a major infestation of Calico Scale on multiple trees. Lisa Bowers came in last Wednesday and looked at the trees again and called two tree services in Richland County that treat trees and they were going to come this week and give Mr. Carpenter a report and a cost. Mr. Carpenter was not here to give a report.

## **TREE CITY PLANTERS**

Mr. Brown stated that Mr. Mickley has been on the west end talking to people that are resident owners about places to plant trees and has come up with 45 trees. Mr. Mickley and Ms. Burley will revisit that area.

Mr. Brown stated that the Tree City Planters are through a grant. Ms. Burley stated that we have \$8000.00 or a rotating 4 year cycle for this program to plant trees and stated that is around 30 trees a year. Ms. Burley stated the Arborist tree planting has been approved also and needs to get a hold of Darius Hardwick with Hardwick Tree Care. Mr. Brown stated that residential pruning request for trees will start coming in.

### **Tree City USA-**

Mr. Brown stated that Lisa Bowers sent a flyer out about this and he would forward it to everyone on the committee. Ohio is ranked #1 for Tree City USA. We have the most communities involved in Tree City USA and had the most growth awards for Tree City USA in the nation.

The average is \$7.68 per capita in the nation and we run about \$10.00 per capita.

## **2017 ARIEL GRANT**

Mr. Brown asked if we were done taking down trees. Ms. Burley stated no; Gambier Street is very close, there is one log left. Ms. Burley stated in two or three weeks everything should be ground out and then Gambier Street would be finished. Ms. Burley stated that the contractor is waiting to work on Wooster Road after the fair.

Mr. Ball stated that there might be some money left from the grant to plant some trees on Sandusky Street north.

Mr. Ball stated that there is a second grant for pruning and Katie Gibson showed the committee a map that shows all of the small trees and plotted those out throughout the city and it shows where they need to focus on pruning and care of the trees to make sure they last longer and avoid power lines.

Gambier Street and Wooster Road are grant areas and SOS will start removing and pruning next week.

Mr. Ball stated that St. Rt. 229 will be paved before trees are planted, a pre-construction meeting is set for next week.

Mr. Ball stated that Mr. Carpenter told him that there are 3 trees at the CA&C that they want to relocate because of the new sign.

Mr. Brown stated that we originally talked about putting June Snow Dogwood at the bench at the Ruins and along the drive going in off of Harcourt Rd. Ms. Burley stated that she thinks that there should be some put at the parking lot. Mr. Brown stated that they are ready to go but no place to put them at the Ruins. Ms. Burley stated that the June Snow Dogwood are going into the parking lot, nothing is going in at the Ruins.

Mr. Brown stated that Mr. Carpenter had a crew in last weekend from the Probation Department to pull weeds this past weekend along West High St.

Mr. Wade stated that Lambton Square is very weedy. Mr. Ball stated that Mr. Carpenter is taking care of this.

## **ADJOURN**

Mr. Mickley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Burley second the motion. AIF, motion carries.