

Whitehouse Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of meeting of April 24, 2025

Attendance: Commissioners: Amy Schultz, Christine Manzey, Elliot Tramer, Diane DeYonker, Laurie Mauro,. Staff representative James Forrest.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Elliot Tramer at 7:33 PM
- II. Minutes of March 27, 2025 Tree Commission meeting were approved
- III. Old Business
 - A. Arbor Day Plans finalized. Friday 5/2 – TC members will meet at 11 am to put together packets for students. Supplies include brown bags, plastic bags, buckets and water, staplers, large totes, instruction sheets and worksheets. The totes of packaged trees will be taken to school prior to ceremony. Agenda includes students being at park at 1:30. Program will start with Proclamation by Mayor, followed by introduction of sycamore trees by Elliot Tramer, followed by some words by Tyler Woody of First Energy, then tree planting by students. Trees will be in holes, with shovels supplied by James Forrest. Students will be back at school by 2:45, where they will receive their trees and packets. Karen Gerhardinger will be present for publicity in The Mirror. TC members will take pictures.
 - B. Rain Garden Presentation by Marilyn DuFour – April 30, 7:00-8:30. Announcements sent to The Mirror, TNA, MVG. Technology will be checked in advance. Refreshments of cookies, lemonade and water will be supplied by Tree Commission. Tree Commission members will take photos.
 - C. Tree Inventory - A Silver maple at Finzel and Rupp Roads is in need of being taken down. Tree Species for Magnolia Ln in Savanna Lake needs to be selected. James Forrest shared plans for upgrading tree plantings in front of Whitehouse Park. Plans are not yet approved.
 - D. Forms and Docs – Materials awarded at recent Tree City USA celebration were shared. Excellent resource – Urban Forestry Tree Risk management by US Forest Service will be used for Facebook page postings.
 - E. Door Hangers – Modifications to the draft door hanger were determined and include: Change “your” tree lawn to the tree lawn. Add increase property value. Place the Tree Commission Logo at bottom signature area. Have Village of Whitehouse logo at top. Add an ! to Congratulations!
- IV. New business
 - A. Facebook ideas – Use concepts from Tree Risk publication, Volcano mulching
 - B. New Ohio Urban Forestry Regions – Lucas Co is now in Region 8, with Stephanie Miller no longer being our Urban Forester. New Urban Forester for Region 8 is Haley Belisle. She will be invited to a Whitehouse Tree Commission meeting soon.
- V. Other Issues as Appropriate under the Village Charter

A . America in Bloom Award – will visit Whitehouse on Mon and Tues, June 23 and 24 with time allocated during the visit to meet with the Tree Commission.

Adjournment at 8:30 PM

Respectfully, Submitted,

Laurie Mauro