

Whitehouse Tree Commission
June 19, 2025

- I. Called to order at 7:32. Present: Elliot Tramer, Chris Manzey, Laurie Mauro, Angie Boudouris, Diane DeYonker, Steve Connelly, Council representative and James Forrest, staff representative.
- II. Diane moved to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2025, meeting. Angie seconded and the motion passed.
- III. Old Business
 - A. The brick for the Arbor Day Sycamore has been ordered.
 - B. James updated members on the crew starting tree trimming on rails to trails and there have been no tree removals or replacements.
 - C. A discussion was held on the tree inventories being done by members of the committee. We should indicate on the forms where we think a tree could be planted. We agreed to place the name of the tree to be planted under “plant” and the cell it should be planted in under “notes”. We also discussed the fact that some homeowners may be paying for a tree that they won’t get due to their site being inappropriate for a tree placement.
 - D. The America in Bloom representatives will be visiting June 23rd and 24th. Laurie volunteered to meet them as the Tree Commission representative.
 - E. Elliot gave a quick update on the Growth Award.
 - F. The trees for Magnolia Lane and the park will be addressed by Laurie and Stephanie Miller as a part of Laurie’s TCA homework. Bur Oak, Japanese Larch, River Birch and Basswood are the tree species nearby, thus the tree families to avoid. We also discussed that James can’t find Sassafras at tree nurseries, so we need to change that species on the master plan. Discussed the need for a master plan for the park. Steve volunteered to ask the Village Council for guidance on this. A suggestion was made to use google earth overview to map out where the trees in the park would be planted.
 - G. No forms or docs were added. We should make sure there is a copy of the master plan in the cabinet.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Stephanie Miller and Haley Belisle will be visiting on July 10th.
 - B. We discussed making a trifold to have available to put in the library, for Cherry Fest and for Concerts in the Park. Chris brought a mockup of the panels and shared them with everyone. She also made a brochure which she shared with us. The brochure will be shared with Amy Stone and Stephanie Miller as it uses material developed by their agencies. Chris has volunteered to see if she can alter the flag we have, to make it into a table covering. Elliot will try contacting Sheri regarding our table covering and other tree commission supplies.

C. Chris and Elliot picked up a book on Bobcats that might be able to be used on the story boards. There was discussion of sharing the story boards with the 3rd graders and having more interactions with them before they come to the Arbor Day activity.

V. Diane moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Diane DeYonker