

Whitehouse

January 23, 2026

Meeting Notice
Tree Commission
January 29, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Tree Commission of the Village of Whitehouse, Ohio will meet on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at **7:30** p.m. The meeting will be held in the Classroom, Village Hall, 6925 Providence Street, Whitehouse, Ohio.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approve Minutes of the November 13, 2025 Meeting
- III. Confirm Members for 2026
- IV. Elect Officers for 2026
- V. Old Business
 - A. Tree Inventory
 - B. Forms & Docs
 - C. FaceBook Ideas
 - D. Current and Future Story Board Postings
- VI. New Business
 - A. Plan Spring Seminar
- VII. Discuss Other Issues as Appropriate under the Village Charter
- VIII. Adjourn

Submitted by:
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Village Administrator

Whitehouse Tree Commission

Nov. 13, 2025

Present: Elliot Tramer, Angie Boudouris, James Forrest, Diane DeYonker, & Steve Connelly
(arrived 8:10)

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:31.
- II. Minutes from Oct. 23, 2025 were discussed. Diane moved to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Angie, approved by all present.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Tree Inventory: 6 storm damaged callery pear trees in Village Meadows were marked to be removed after clean-up was done.
One of our public works employees attended the Defiance Young Tree Training. Planting has not started, however, the 56 trees from Woody Warehouse have arrived and are heeled in. The 11 North Branch trees have not arrived yet. They are being dug at the nursery now.
 - B. Forms & Docs: no additions
 - C. Tree Risk Assessment scheduled for Nov. 14 at Village Park with Stephanie Miller and Hailey Sattler. We will meet at the administration building at 11 am and car pool to the park. We also discussed taking Stephanie and Hailey to lunch at Local Thyme.
 - D. Chuck Kethel sent a thank you email for the tree identification at Sandra Park. James mentioned he would have Mike Hill reach out to Chuck regarding the labeling. He mentioned that they have metal stakes which can be pushed into the ground near the tree and include the names along with QR codes for more information on the tree species.
 - E. Sheri Luedtke was recognized for her service on the Tree Commission at the Village Council Meeting on Nov. 4. All were disappointed that we were not notified prior to the event. James was present as he was receiving recognition for 25 yrs. of service. Sheri was not able to attend, however several of her friends were there to represent her.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Prepare Meeting/Event Plan for 2026: We discussed that items will remain much the same as in past years. Elliot will create a plan and email it to the members for their approval. Notetaking was assigned as follows: Laurie: Jan, Apr. July. Chris: Oct, Mar, June. Diane: Feb, Sept, Nov. and Angie: May, Aug. Steve will fill in when needed.
We need to replace the wording "Master Plan" with "Planting Design" on the meeting/event plan. There is a possibility that Mike Hill will revive the Village Farmer's Market.

- B. Confirm members for 2026: The following have confirmed their desire to continue serving on the commission: Elliot, Chris, Angie, Steve and Diane. We will check with Laurie.
- V. Discuss Other Issues as Appropriate under the Village Charter: Elliot shared an article from the Cleveland Plain Dealer titled "Forest soil used on urban trees". We discussed the article.
- VI. Adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Diane DeYonker

Some additional notes from the tree risk assessment with Stephanie Miller and Hailey Sattler.

Possible tree species to plant at Whitehouse Village Park include Bur Oak, Swamp White Oak, Hickory, Sycamore, Honey Locust, Catalpa, Silver Maple, Basswood, Hackberry and American Elm Princeton.

Revisions to our planting design have been made on the paper copy of the design. Sassafras should be replaced by Osage Orange and Elms should not be used as street trees.

We also discussed possibly holding a young tree training with Hailey next November. We would need to schedule with her in June or July. We should plan for 25-30 people to attend.

We should place a copy of the risk assessment handout in the cabinet.