

Whitehouse

April 10, 2026

Meeting Notice
Tree Commission
April 16, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Tree Commission of the Village of Whitehouse, Ohio will meet on Thursday, April 16, 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 February 26, 2026 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Tree Inventory
 - B. Distribution of New Polo Shirts
 - C. Forms & Docs
 - D. Arbor Day Planning
 - E. Spring Seminar
- V. New Business
 - A. Discussion with Potential New Members
- VI. Discuss Other Issues as Appropriate under the Village Charter
- VII. Adjourn

Submitted by:
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Village Administrator

Whitehouse Tree Commission meeting Feb. 26, 2026

Present: Elliot Tramer, Chris Manzey, Laurie Mauro, Angie Boudouris, James Forrest, Steve Fine and guest Rick Hathaway

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:25. Elliot introduced guest Rick Hathaway
- II. Minutes from Jan. 29, 2026, were discussed. Diane moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Angie, approved by all present.
- III. Announcements
 - A. Our 2025 Growth Award and 2026 Tree City USA Renewal
Out of 48 municipalities that participate in Tree City USA in our area, only 10 received growth awards and we were one.
 - B. Arbor Day with the 3rd graders from Whitehouse elementary will be held on Wed., April 29th with Monday May 4th as a rain day.
 - C. Updates to Village Facebook and Website. After Elliot reviewed these, the following changes were made, Michelle Tippie's name was removed as she is no longer a member of the committee, Steve Fine's name was added as the Village Council representative, the name Master Plan was changed to Street Tree Planting Design. The meeting time was changed from 7 to 7:30 pm.
 - D. The new Whitehouse Tree Commission table cover was viewed.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Tree Inventory: 9 storm damaged Callery pear trees in Village Meadows were removed after being deemed hazardous. Tree planting may begin next week, depending on weather.
 - B. Forms & Docs: The November 14, 2025 Tree Risk Inventory of the Village Park was distributed. James will follow up on having it downloaded to the Village Website.
 - C. Select trees for Arbor Day planting. Based on availability from Woody Warehouse 3 of the following trees will be planted, Shellbark Hickory, Catalpa, American Elm (Princeton cultivar) and Swamp White Oak. There was discussion on the location of the plantings. There is a need for the Village to come up with a long-term plan for the park as trees are a long-term installation and should not be planted where they will be in the way of future installations in the park (i.e. Playgrounds...) Elliot will write a letter to Jordan, Josh, and Mike with a cc to Steve regarding this issue.
 - D. Date and Plans for spring mosquito seminar by Paul Bauman. Elliot has reserved the Village Council Chambers for the presentation on April 22 at 7 pm. Elliot will inquire about technology needs and handouts.
 - E. Process for inviting new Tree Commission members. Jordan will be handling this. Rich Hathaway has expressed an interest in joining the Commission. Laurie mentioned that Matt Brown may be interested in joining the Tree Commission. James will speak with him.

- F. Tree Commission shirts, safety vests. James will ask Jordan if the Village will cover the cost of the vests as these will stay with the Village when members go off the Committee. Chris took a list of the committee members' sizes for ordering the shirts.
 - G. Annual Report Ideas. Laurie shared a list of topics she felt should be in an annual report. Discussions concerned where and how to obtain the information needed. The growth award application was discussed as one source of information. The percent canopy cover could possibly be obtained on iTree. Laurie will investigate finding the data and coming up with graphics which show the information in an easily understood fashion.
- V. New Business
- A. Bee City USA. Chris shared information on becoming a Bee City. There is a lot of information available from the Xerces Society. Becoming a Bee City will let us be a role model for the community and lead to reduced costs by doing less mowing. James will bring the idea to Jordan, Josh and Mike.
 - B. Orientation packet for new Tree Commission Members. Laurie let us know what she has been working on. It will take a while to complete this (maybe up to a year).
 - C. Tree City USA Award Banquet Planning. The meeting will be held at the Elks Lodge in Maumee on May 13. Committee members attending include Chris, Elliot, James, Mike, Angie, Laurie and Diane
- VI. Discuss Other Issues as Appropriate under the Village Charter. No items were discussed.
- VII. Adjourned at 9:10 pm. Moved by Diane, seconded by Angie

Respectfully submitted by Diane DeYonker