

Minutes of the Avon Lake Citizens Tree Commission
March 13, 2024, 7pm , Old Firehouse

Roll Call:

- **Present**
 - **Voting Members:** Katie Downie; Terry Robison; Michael Thain; Council person Jennifer Fenderbosch

- **Not Present**
 - Amanda Byrnes; Sue Newcomb; Urban Forester (Vacant)

Quorum: Yes

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- Minutes from February 14, 2024 meeting
 - **Motion:** Accept the minutes from the February meeting. Katie Downie 1st, Jennifer Fenderbosch 2nd. Unanimously approved.

City Council Report:

- **Arbor Day To Do List and Finances**
 - Jennifer presented list of donations
 - List of expenses in progress.

- **Tree Purchasing**
 - Working on solving tree orders from 2 companies bought by Petitti (Petitti cancelled the orders).
 - Kousa tree locations altered to accommodate helicopter landing location.
 - Oak tree locations near fire department also finalized.

Urban Forester Report:

- N/A

Old Business

- **Arbor Day 2024 update**
 - Volunteers meeting at south garage of the Service Center Wed April 24, 1:30 PM, to place seedlings in bags
 - The Students Field Day will be Thursday, April 25th from 9am – 11:30am at French Creek, Lorain County Metro Parks.
 - The Arbor Day Proclamation will be Thursday, April 25th at 2pm at the Safety Service Center (Fire/Police/Courts) on Walker Road.
 - Four Trees will be showcased: two Oaks (one from Yard Works and one from Tomko Family Dealership) and two Kousa Dogwoods (one from the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce for the Lorain County Bicentennial Celebration and one from Sue Newcomb).

- **“Environmentally Speaking” presentation**
 - At library, April 16 7:00 PM (Nurturing Trees for a Sustainable Future)
 - Terry working on presentation – discussion of tree commission, why trees are good, timeline of tree maintenance, pruning (e.g. ok wilt), planning for planting, how to choose an arborist

- **Enforceable code for arborists on public land**

- Jennifer meeting with state tomorrow to discuss
- ISA, ANSI, ASTM
- **Big Tree Contest**
 - Amanda and Katie are going to work on setting it up.

New Business:

- **Master Planting Design**
 - The Tree Commission will be responsible for performing a canvass of all city tree lawns and identifying a species for each block.
 - Start with the new developments that have money available for trees.
 - Next targets:
 - Harbor
 - 3 developments south of walker between Lear and Bay Village
 - Hunter Ridge
- **North Coast Conference**
 - 7 representatives from Avon Lake attended.
 - Need to present results to City Council, targeting May 6 or 20.
- **Garden Club Monthly Presentations**
 - Spring 2025 – Tree Commission 30 minute presentation
 - First Thurs of Month (month TBD)
- **Tree Inventory**
 - Need to determine process to procure

Open Discussion:

- **ODA Noxious and Invasive List**
 - Last updated 2020. Next update in 2025.

Motion to adjourn – Mike Thain 1st, Terry Robison 2nd. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting: April 10 2024, 7:00 pm, Old Firehouse

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thain, Secretary