



Tree Board

~Agenda~

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Clerk of Council
937-535-1005

April 15, 2025

5:15 PM

Payne Recreation Center

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Tree Board Meeting Minutes - February 18, 2025
- III. Business**
 - A. 2025 Arbor Day Proclamation - Tree City USA
 - B. 2025 Tree City USA Awards Program - April 24
- IV. Other Business**
 - A. Tree Article - Protecting Native Trees
- V. Adjournment**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Tree Board

Held February 18, 2025

Call to Order

Meeting called to order 5:17 PM.

Sylvia Harlow	Chair	Present
Patricia Bond	Vice Chair	Present
Sharon Duff	Member	Present
Jeanie Gay	Member	Absent
Erica Grooms	Member	Present

Staff Present: City Planner Nick Sorice; Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane; Building and Zoning Administrator Brent Carpenter; Clerk of Council Karen Powell

Mrs. Duff moved to excuse Mrs. Gay's absence; Mrs. Bond seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, Mrs. Gay's absence was excused unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Tree Board Meeting Minutes - December 17, 2024

Mrs. Harlow asked if there were any changes or corrections to the February 18, 2025, Tree Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Mr. Sorice asked for a vote for a Tree Board Chair and Vice Chair.

Mrs. Duff nominated Mrs. Harlow as Chair of the Tree Board; Mrs. Grooms seconded the motion.

RESULT: Passed (*Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0*)
MOVER: Sharon Duff
AYES: Sylvia Harlow, Patricia Bond, Sharon Duff, Erica Grooms
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mrs. Duff nominated Mrs. Bond as Vice Chair of the Tree Board; Mrs. Harlow seconded the motion.

RESULT: (*Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0*)
MOVER: Sharon Duff
AYES: Sylvia Harlow, Patricia Bond, Sharon Duff, Erica Grooms
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Business

Tree City USA Status

Mr. Sorice reported that on February 11, 2025, the City of Moraine received the approval for Tree Ciy USA for the 14th year. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for help in receiving that status, especially Mr. Shane and Mrs. Stricker for the Arbor Day event that is needed, City Council for the proclamation, the Street Division for maintenance of the trees, Community Development for their support and initiatives, as well as the Tree Board for support and input. He said there will be an award ceremony in Wyoming, Ohio on April 24, 2025. He

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stated the next task is to place the stickers on the City signs. He said he will be working with the Street Division on expanding the Tree City USA signs in the City. He noted that the City will have all new Welcome to Moraine signs throughout the City, and those should be installed in early March 2025. He said he does want to incorporate Tree City USA to make sure the public knows Moraine has that status.

Other Business

Ohio Guide to Growing Trees

Mr. Sorice reviewed a guide from the Growing Home website regarding growing trees in Ohio. He noted the guide which is included in the meeting packet has information on the best flowering trees, shade trees, and fruit trees in Ohio. He stated the guide covers the best time to plant trees in Ohio. He acknowledged the best time is late fall to early spring, and if planting on a windy day, it is important to stake the tree for the first year to avoid stress. He said the guide also includes information about planting trees all year long. Mr. Sorice remarked that pine trees are the only trees that can be planted all year long because the trees are receptive to a lot of weather and humidity changes throughout the year. He noted the guide mentions ash trees as one of the best trees to plant each season in Ohio; however, ash trees do become diseased easily and are not recommended. He said the dogwood tree is a very popular tree. He said for summer, a red maple or sweet gum tree is recommended as those types of trees grow quickly and change colors throughout the season. He stated that in fall with colder weather, white oak is recommended; and in the winter, black walnut trees are a good option because they provide great shade and lots of nutrients to the soil and keep other plants healthy. Mr. Sorice said the trees with the least invasive roots are the Eastern Redbud, Empress Tree, and the Western Flowering Dogwood.

Mrs. Duff asked where Wyoming, Ohio is located.

Mr. Sorice replied that Wyoming, Ohio is south of Dayton, north of Cincinnati in Hamilton County. He said attendance for the ceremony is limited to four people per City, and he and Mr. Shane will discuss who will attend the ceremony.

Adjournment

Mr. Sorice reported that the next Tree Board meeting will be held on April 15, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

2025 Arbor Day Proclamation - Tree City USA

Department: Community Development

Request: Staff Report

Item Background and Purpose:

Financial Impact:

Is Item Budgeted?: No

Funding Source:

Attachments:

1. 2025 Arbor Day Proclamation

CITY of MORaine

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** In 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, and;
- Whereas,** This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and;
- Whereas,** Trees can reduce the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide a habitat for wildlife, and;
- Whereas,** Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, and;
- Whereas,** Trees increase property values and enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and;
- Whereas,** Trees, wherever they are planted, beautify our community, and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Murphy, Mayor of the City of Moraine, Ohio, do hereby proclaim **Friday, April 25, 2025**, as:

ARBOR DAY

In the City of Moraine, Ohio, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.



Teri Murphy, Mayor

2025 Tree City USA Awards Program - April 24

Department: Community Development

Request: Staff Report

Item Background and Purpose:

Financial Impact:

Is Item Budgeted?: No

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1. 2025 Tree City USA Awards Program

Registration Form

2025 Tree City USA Awards Program

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025
WYOMING CIVIC CENTER
1 WORTHINGTON AVE. WYOMING OH 45215

Registration Fee: \$25 per person

****Due to space limitations, please no more than four people per community/agency****

Register by Thursday, March 27th:

Phone: 513-679-4626

Email: customerservice@wyomingohio.gov

Mail: City of Wyoming/TCUSA

800 Oak Ave

Wyoming OH 45215

Credit cards accepted-contact Debby Martin at 513-679-4626

Checks accepted by mail. Please make checks payable to the City of Wyoming.

Registration and Payment Deadline: Thursday, March 27, 2025

Lunch will be served at the event, look for an email on March 31st for personal lunch choices.

COMMUNITY/AGENCY NAME: _____

NAME OF ATTENDEE:









EMAIL ADDRESS:

Tree Article - Protecting Native Trees

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1. Tree Board Article 4.15.2025



Bradford pear trees look pretty, smell awful. Why are they illegal?

UC biologist tells WLWT that many people are opting for native trees instead



By Michael Miller



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Like 

Spring is the best time of year to observe how one nonnative, invasive species is taking over parts of the United States.

Callery pear trees produce pretty white flowers in the spring, making the trees easy to spot along highways and in forest clearings where they are growing wild after escaping cultivation decades ago.

Yahoo! News (<https://www.yahoo.com/news/bradford-pear-trees-look-pretty-153517010.html>) highlighted efforts by a biologist at the University of Cincinnati to spread awareness about the ecological impact these trees are having in Eastern forests.

UC College of Arts and Sciences Professor Theresa Culley said once Callery pear trees become established, they are hard to remove.

Ohio's Legislature in 2023 outlawed the sale, growing or and planting of Bradford or Callery pear trees. These fast-growing trees were a favorite of the horticulture industry. But birds eat the tree's berries and spread its seeds to road edges and clearings in forests where they often crowd out native trees and shrubs.

Culley told WLWT (<https://www.wlwt.com/article/callery-pear-tree-banned-ohio/64245168>) that homeowners have lots of good alternatives when choosing a tree to plant this spring.

Culley serves on the Ohio Invasive Plants Council and has advised the state on regulations to protect Ohio's agriculture industry and natural resources.

"I've had people tell me they removed their trees and replaced them with a non-invasive alternative," Culley told WLWT. "But a lot of people really love their pear tree. It is beautiful. In the spring there is a chemical treatment they can spray on the tree when it's blooming to prevent it from producing fruit."

Watch the WLWT report. (<https://www.wlwt.com/article/callery-pear-tree-banned-ohio/64245168>)

Featured image at top: Callery pear trees are common in suburbia, but Ohio is taking steps to prevent them from spreading into wild areas. Photo/Michael Miller

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