

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.



ATTEST: City Planner, Nick Sorice



ATTEST: Clerk of Council, Karen Powell