

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Tree Board

Held August 19, 2025

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:26 PM.

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Tree Board Meeting Minutes - June 17, 2025

Mrs. Harlow asked if there were any changes or corrections to the June 17, 2025, Tree Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Business

Tree City USA Application Approaching - September 2025

City Planner Nick Sorice said the Tree City USA status is why the Tree Board exists and why the meetings are held. He stated the Tree Board members make a great impact on that, and he appreciates their support. He noted that almost all departments in the City help out as well. He said the application process opens in September, and he is going to apply as soon as possible. He said he is expecting a son in October, and he will be out of the office for a portion of October through November. He reported that he works together with Brent Shane and Kelly Strickler of Parks and Recreation and Chris Dunn and Sherry Buschur of the Street Division to compile information for the application. He said he is looking forward to year 15 of being a Tree City.

New Tree City Signs with New City Entryway Signage

Mr. Sorice reported the new City Entryway Signage project has been completed which encompassed a total of 33 signs. He thanked Cory Jones of the Street Division for creating the Tree City USA signs. He referred to the photo images in the packet. He said the Tree City signs add a nice touch to the entry signs in the City. He said the Tree City status makes a big difference in terms of the City's reputation and staying on top of things.

Other Business

OCISA - Tree of the Month Article

Mr. Sorice said the attached article comes from the Ohio Chapter of the International Society of Agriculture (OCISA). He noted this month's tree is the Turkish filbert. He said as the name implies, the tree is not native to Ohio or North America, but because of its growing characteristics, it is increasingly being planted in urban forests and is regularly used by municipal arborists as a street tree. He noted this is a good tree for medians and areas of high traffic and wind. He reviewed the favorable traits of the Turkish filbert tree with the board members. He described the leaves and bark. He said nuts occur in clusters and although edible, they are hard to extract and usually left to small mammals. He reviewed the size and

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shape of the tree, and reported that Ohio's largest Turkish filbert is located in Franklin County and measures 74 feet in height with a 47 feet crown spread, and a trunk circumference of 98 feet.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.



ATTEST: City Planner, Nick Sorice



ATTEST: Clerk of Council, Karen Powell