

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Tree Board

Held December 16, 2025

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:13 PM.

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

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane; Clerk of Council Karen Powell

Mrs. Duff moved to excuse Mrs. Harlow's absence.

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

Approval of Minutes

Tree Board Meeting Minutes - October 21, 2025

Mrs. Bond asked if there were any changes or corrections to the October 21, 2025, Tree Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Business

2025 Tree City USA Status - Application Submitted

Mr. Sorice reported that he submitted the Tree City USA application on December 1, 2025. He said the board members should have received an email this morning and noted that one of the requirements of the application is that the Tree Board members are listed on the application with an email address. He said the Regional Manager asked for some tweaks to the application, and then it was submitted to the State level. He remarked that hopefully Moraine will be awarded the Tree City USA status for 15 years. He expressed his appreciation to the Tree Board members and stated they play a very large role in the Tree City USA Status. He said there would not be a Tree City USA Status if it were not for the Tree Board, City Council's support, the Arbor Day Foundation event, the Mayoral proclamation, and the clearing up, planting, and pruning of trees. He said a lot of research goes into this application, and he appreciates everyone's help. He reported that many trees had to be removed from the right-of-way in the Fulton Avenue and Ellery Avenue neighborhoods. He noted the trees were damaging the infrastructure of the sidewalks and utilities. He said part of being a Tree City is knowing whether to save a tree or not. He discussed the damage that can be caused by trees. He said the affected residents did receive resources on where they could receive free trees to plant. He said Montgomery County has helped along with other programs that provide free to low-cost trees. He thanked everyone for their support.

Tree Board Article - Winter Care for Trees in Ohio

Mr. Sorice reviewed the Tree Board article regarding Winter Care for trees during the snow and ice season. He noted these are tree tips for Ohio trees. He said the article also addresses salt burn of soil and trees during the winter. He suggested that anyone who has questions regarding

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the condition of their trees should reach out to a company who has a certified arborist on staff.

Other Business

No other business was conducted.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.



ATTEST: City Planner, Nick Sorice