



Tree Board

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Clerk of Council
937-535-1005

June 16, 2026

5:10 PM

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Tree Board Meeting Minutes - April 21, 2026
- III. Business**
 - A. Tree City USA
 - B. Summer Tree Care Article
- IV. Other Business**
 - A. Next Meeting - August 18, 2026
- V. Adjournment**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Tree Board

Held April 21, 2026

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:27 PM.

Sylvia Harlow	Chair	Present
Patricia Bond	Vice Chair	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

Approval of Minutes

Tree Board Meeting Minutes - February 17, 2026

Mrs. Harlow asked if there were any changes or corrections to the February 17, 2026 Tree Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane reported that City Planner Nick Sorice's last day with the City of Moraine was Friday, April 17. He said he will miss Nick for quite a while. He said Nick took on the Tree Board and Tree City USA, and he did a very good job continuing where he and Mike Hammes left off in trying to get the City back on to a Tree City USA status.

Business

The City of Moraine Celebrates 15 Years as a Tree City USA City

Mr. Shane said this is a huge accomplishment and a big milestone in the City's history. He noted that this accomplishment could not have happened without the Tree Board, City Council, Parks and Recreation Division and the Street Division. He said with all working together, the City will continue the progress of keeping the Tree City USA status, and taking that number higher and higher. Mr. Shane said he will attend the Tree City USA luncheon in Forest Park, Ohio, to accept the 15-year award.

Arbor Day is April 24, 2026

Mr. Shane remarked that the Parks and Recreation Division will have an Arbor Day celebration on April 24. He said Kelly Stricker is getting creative with this event, and planning an Arbor Day event and providing a proclamation during the next Council meeting is part of the criteria to maintain the Tree City USA status. He acknowledged that Parks and Recreation would continue to do what is required as far as the Tree City USA application goes.

Educational Article - Trees of Ohio Field Guide

Mr. Shane thanked Mr. Sorice for adding the educational article in the packet. He said the article has information on almost every tree in Ohio. He asked the board members to read the article and educate themselves on types of trees.

Other Business

Mr. Shane informed the Tree Board that the next meeting will be held on June 16, 2026.

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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Tree City USA

Department: Parks and Recreation

Request: Staff Report

Item Background and Purpose:

Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane will provide an update on the Tree City USA program.

Attachments:

Summer Tree Care Article

Department: Parks and Recreation

Request: Staff Report

Item Background and Purpose:

Arbor Day Foundation

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Tree Planting and Care

Top Tree Watering Tips for Summer

Not sure if your trees need water? This guide breaks down practical summer watering tips, including how often to water and the best approach for keeping young and mature trees healthy.

July 30, 2021



One of the most frequent questions people have during the warm summer months is, "How should I be watering my trees?" While every tree is going to have specific considerations (e.g. species, location, soil type, etc.), the following are some general guidelines to keep your trees happy throughout the summer.

DO I NEED TO WATER NOW?

There's a simple step you can take to see if your tree needs water. Using a long screwdriver with a minimum six-inch blade, probe into the ground in several locations under the drip line (the furthest edge of the tree's canopy). If you are having difficulty probing to a six to eight-inch depth and natural rainfall is not in the forecast, then you should begin a watering regime. After watering, use this test to see how you've done.

THE BUCKET TEST

Typically, a garden hose running at a moderate rate will dispense 5–10 gallons of water per minute. This is an important thing to know about your hose — so test it. Using a five-gallon bucket, time how long it takes your hose to fill it up. Knowing your hose's flow rate will help you make informed decisions regarding watering duration for your trees, as the general rule of thumb is to give the tree around 10 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter.



YOUNG TREES

New trees, or those planted within the last two years that have trunks less than one inch in diameter, should be watered much more frequently than older trees. Aim for two to three times per week. If you are using a garden hose, water the tree for about one minute to ensure a deep soaking. Remember to keep the water flow at a moderate level.

Another option is to use a slow-release tree watering bag slow-release tree watering bag. This type of system can save you time spent hand watering multiple times per week. It really adds up when you're caring for multiple trees!

OLDER TREES

Established trees, or those two years and older, usually don't need to be watered quite as often. Aim for once a week or every other week, depending on how the soil is retaining moisture. During unusually dry periods, these trees should receive a deep soaking to stay healthy.

A common mistake with established trees is to give them shallow watering doses focused at the base of the tree. Avoid this by using a soaker hose in a spiral pattern extending out to the tree's drip line. A long period (four hours or more) using a soaker hose will properly water the entire root system of the tree.

This article is about what you should do with your trees in the hot summer months.
<https://www.arborday.org/perspectives/tag/summer-tree-care>

Attachments: