

TREE COMMISSION

April 28, 2025

The April 28, 2025 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers by Chari Alesch, Chairperson. Tree Commission members present were Chari Alesch, Jason Lemire, and John Walker. Judi Lambrite and Nate Treadway were absent.

Others present included: Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the March 24, 2025 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that Bill Sowers Tree Service & Nursery has completed all tree work discussed in the Tree Commission meetings held earlier this year. Mr. Sowers will be looking at the general health of three trees located in the 300 block of South Hazel Street before proceeding with any work.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that the Parks Department employees will be addressing tree trimmings needed throughout the City, and they will be placing door hangers on residences where these trimmings are taking place to inform residents of their work.

It was noted that four (4) representatives from the City attended the Tree City USA Awards Program held in Bowling Green, Ohio on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

The City's Arbor Day Program will take place this morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Dog Park, 240 Orchard Lane, with students from Upper Sandusky and St. Pete's Schools invited to attend along with City representatives and Mr. Jeremiah Logsdon, Wyandot Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that the Appalachian Red Redbud tree that will be planted has been placed in the hole dug by the Parks Department employees and soil will be available for the students to place in the hole and the Parks Department employees will finish the planting and place mulch around the tree.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that he was contacted by Mr. Jeremiah Logsdon, Wyandot Soil and Water Conservation District, regarding a tree located along the Sandusky River that has partially fallen and is causing damage to the river bank and diverting the water flow. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that the Parks Department will be addressing this matter.

Mr. Ethan Korte, recently hired as the Mayor's Administrative Assistant, was introduced and it was noted that Mr. Korte will soon be taking over the duties of the clerk of the Tree Commission.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Chari Alesch, Chairperson