

TREE COMMISSION

June 22, 2026

The June 22, 2026 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. in Council Chambers by Chari Alesch, Chairperson. Tree Commission members present were Chari Alesch, Vincent Donnersbach, Judi Lambrite, Jason Lemire, and John Walker.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor; and Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes of the April 27, 2026 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mr. Taylor shared that the following trees need to have work done on them:

- A maple located at the intersection of Front St & Elliot St.
- Two dead trees at 226 E Crawford St.
- A dying Maple at 720 S 7th that sits between 2 utility lines.
- A Sugar Maple at 219 N 7th Street requires a hazard trim.

The quote for this work was \$18,450. Mr. Taylor said that additional money would need to be appropriated due to the large amount of work that had been done this year. Mr. Lemire moved to approve the expenditure, seconded by Mr. Walker.

There was discussion around whether more tree work can be completed in house to save money instead of using Bill Sowers Tree Service. Mr. Taylor said that a new truck could be purchased with a larger lift but would require additional budgeting and training staff in order to utilize.

Mr. Donnersbach presented information received from JRM Chemical at the recent Tree City USA program about soil most mats and plant paks. He said that this product could be potentially used around town to keep plants healthy and allow for less irrigation frequency. Mr. Donnersbach recommended applying for the Wyandot County Community Foundation grant to potentially fund this. Mayor McColly said that the City was currently looking at a few different things the grant funding could be used for, and that he appreciated Mr. Donnersbach sharing this information for a potential avenue.

Mr. Walker shared that he had received a call from a resident at 469 S Sandusky Ave regarding a City tree that had roots damaging the sidewalk. There was discussion regarding sidewalk maintenance and what party is responsible if a City tree damages a sidewalk. Members were reminded that sidewalks were the property owner's responsibility, unless damaged by the City in some way. Mayor McColly said that the City is currently exploring the possibility of a sidewalk evaluation for the entire City from a private company that could create an inventory and a plan for maintenance going forward.

In reports, Mr. Taylor shared that there had been frequent storms this year, and his crew had worked on the following trees since the previous meeting:

- A tree at 117 N 8th St had lost a large limb that had landed on the residence.
- A tree near Chase Bank had lost a limb that damaged a nearby residence.
- A tree at 320 W Bigelow St came down during a storm and blocked the street.
- A tree at 324 N 5th St came down during a storm and blocked the street.
- A tree at 220 N 7th St lost a limb that fell onto the street.
- A tree at 501 Front St lost a large limb near the top that required removal from the tree
- A tree at 226 E Crawford needed a limb removed.

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

Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant

Chari Alesch, Chairperson