

TREE COMMISSION

August 24, 2026

The August 24, 2026 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, 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 June 22, 2026 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mayor McColly shared that AEP will need to remove two trees on Tarhe Trail in order to run 3-phase electric to a lift station. An alternative location for planting replacement trees would need to be discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Donnersbach, seconded by Mr. Lemire, for the approval of removing the two trees on Tarhe Trail. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly shared that the City had recently had a sidewalk assessment completed by Precision Safe Sidewalks. The assessment evaluated sidewalks in and around the downtown area. Mayor McColly said that is was an extremely informative report, and that PSS has a lot of experience and expertise in the field that would be helpful in reevaluating how the City handles sidewalk maintenance. He also said that an additional evaluation to look into which sidewalks in said area were being damaged by City trees was an option. The price for this evaluation would be \$500.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Lemire, for the approval and authorization for an additional sidewalk evaluation. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

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

- A tree at 208 N 7th St. was healthy but damaging the sidewalk and would need to be removed.
- A tree at 422 N Sandusky Ave. had snapped during a windstorm and was removed.
- A tree at 332 N Sandusky Ave. was slowly dying and would need further evaluation to determine a course of action.
- A tree at 443 S Warpole St. was healthy but encroaching on the sidewalk and street and would need to be removed.

A motion was made by Mr. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Donnersbach, for the approval and authorization of said tree work. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

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

Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant

Chari Alesch, Chairperson