

Shade Tree and Beautification Commission Minutes Commission Meeting



April 28, 2026

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CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES APPROVAL

Shade Tree and Beautification - Commission Meeting - Minutes of March 31,
2026

Warner and Mentzer were unable to access the minutes. Approval postponed to next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

TCP

On track. TCP stakes should be pulled by homeowners.

West End

Flags will be going in soon.

Clintonville

Invasive Removal

Cleared 4–5 acres of invasives at Riverside Park. Understory cleared out. Engineering is seeking quotes to remove about 60 Bradford Pears off of Mount Vernon Ave (in the Colonial Hills area). Platt has a map of the trees to be removed, but will not be marking any trees. Lifepoint and the Baptist Church would like some of their Bradford Pears removed. Diener is going to look at the site, and Mikesell will provide a map for him.

Ariel Foundation Park Meadows

Meadows will get no-mow grasses planted.

America 250

It could be nice to get a large rock with a brass plate on it to commemorate America 250. Examples from Bellville with a similar design were shown.

Experience Mount Vernon

Hager has not heard back yet.

Martinsburg Rd

No feedback from tree removals yet. There is a plan to put three trees at the property owned by Mount Vernon city schools, if they approve. And three by the Career Center.

Public Square

Brown will let the commission know when things move forward with that.

NEW BUSINESS

Bee City

Many of the seeds for Bee City are donations. 400 trees have been planted recently. The expectation is that 10% will survive to maturity. Most weekends, when the weather is fair, Bee City volunteers are out managing pollinator friendly areas.

Other New Business

Blackjack Wetlands

Mikesell met a Kenyon class there. Wetlands are very beneficial. There are certain species that are only found there. They filter out a lot of stormwater pollutants. Council passed a resolution to advertise for bids for the Blackjack Wetlands projects (boardwalk, bridge, etc.).

Tree City Luncheon

This is on May 6. Mikesell, Platt, Hager, and Brown will go.

Arboretum (Delano Field of Discovery)

Needs to be mowed. There are six corrals that need to be removed. The trees are dead.

Seasonal Help for Parks

Parks has been a struggle to find workers. Both mowers and waterers are below staffing hopes.

Tree Watering

Pursel will need a list of which trees the City is responsible to water.

Quacking Aspen

Wade would like to put them in a 3-gallon container and get them to grow for a year before planting.

OTHER

ADJOURN

Mentzer made a motion to adjourn. Warner seconded. Adjourned at 3:52 p.m.