



**Shade Tree and Beautification Commission
Commission Meeting**

Agenda

**August 25, 2026
3:00 PM**

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Present	Excused
Fourth Ward LeNan Hager Russ Mentzer James Brown Emil Diener Interim Engineer Quentin Platt	Safety Service Director Tanner Salyers Jon May Sarah Wagner

Others in Attendance:

Zane Mikesell, City Forester; Brian Wade; Randy Pursel, Assistant Director of Parks; Jeff Derr, Recreation Director; Zac Sherman, City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVAL

Shade Tree and Beautification - Commission Meeting - June 30, 2026

Approval of minutes was postponed to August 25.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Tree Planting

Brian Wade distributed a list of trees left to plant. They are located at Clintonville, COTC parking lot, MVNU, and Riverside.

A tree was hit by a car at Heartland Commerce Park. That may need to be addressed.

Bee City

Platt reported they will be at FirstFriday again next week. This will be Bee City's fourth year in a row participating in First Friday. They gave away about 80 seed packets last Friday. They will be next to the beekeepers' association. In the infiltration pond at Salt Barn, pollinator-friendly seeds are growing. At Ariel Foundation Park, going to clip off the top of teasels to reduce the amount of seeds that spread. Waiting to hear back from Ohio Native Concepts on planned projects for the year. Delano Field of Discovery will be cut back and planted. Working on a Does & Don'ts for pollinator plants in an urban setting. Citizens may have a pollinator garden, not a pollinator prairie.

West End Tree Nursery

120 out of 250 pots were planted. Sequoias are to be ordered, and there are plans for expansion.

NEW BUSINESS

Target West End

Mailers for Sandusky St. along the river to West High and to Tilden Ave. will be sent out to about 300 homes. Mikesell is hoping to get that out this week. Cost is about \$500.

OTHER

America 250

Hager reported that the City is receiving an America 250 Tree and it will be planted in American Heritage Park. Will have a ceremony in October for this (preferably first week in October). Ralston Art Memorial will deliver a plaque.

Experience Mount Vernon

The committee will discuss whether they can compensate Experience Mount Vernon for the bulbs they will be planting.

New Business

With the State Route 13 rework, there will be Appleseed Trees planted in a park that used to be owned by Johnny Appleseed. These will be grafts from the only known surviving Johnny Appleseed Tree.

Lifepoint & Baptist Church

Miksell submitted a plan for Lifepoint and the Living Center. Miksell will submit a plan soon to the Baptist Church.

Tree Removal

Priority is trees that pose a risk to the public.

ADJOURN

Diener made a motion to adjourn. Metzger seconded. Adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 3:39 p.m.