

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
MOTION SUMMARY  
January 26, 2016**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Vice-Chairwoman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jim Buck, Tom Glissman, Amanda Mowry, Paul Olen, Juliette Rike, Councilmember George Hellinger, Vice-Chairwoman Susan Wright

Members Absent: Brenda Hendricks, Tom Wolber, Chairman Dave Carey.

Staff Present: Doug Richmond, City Arborist, Jennifer Stachler, Assistant City Engineer, Stacy Davenport, Parks Superintendent, Linda Mathews, Customer Liaison, and Tom Homan, City Manager

**Motion to Excuse:** Mr. Buck moved to excuse Chairman Carey, Mr. Wolber, and Ms. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Olen. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MOTION SUMMARY of Shade Tree Commission meeting of November 24, 2015 as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Mr. Olen moved to approve the Motion Summary for the November 24, 2015 meeting, seconded by Mr. Buck. Motion failed with a 5-0-2 (Rike, Hellinger) vote. Minutes will be brought back for a vote at the next meeting.

ITEM 3. INTRODUCTION of New City Council Representative

ITEM 4. ELECTION of Chair and Vice-Chair

Vice-Chairwoman Wright recommended that the vote be tabled until the next meeting to allow for a full quorum. The Shade Tree Commission members were in agreement.

ITEM 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Jeff Strung, EMHT Representative  
5500 New Albany Road  
Columbus, Ohio

Mr. Strung voiced his concern regarding the proposed site distances at intersections for street trees and the impact that the changes will have in

developments. Mr. Strung voiced a concern over using ODOT standards that he feels are designated for highways and not for suburban areas.

Mr. Davenport discussed the recruitment for the approved position of a Parks and Natural Resource Director.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION of 2015 Annual Report

Vice-Chairwoman Wright recommended that Commission members provide input and highlights of the year to discuss at the next regular meeting.

ITEM 7. ARBORIST REPORT

Mr. Richmond reviewed the monthly summary and discussed issues with maintaining pruning related to weather and staffing. Mr. Richmond indicated that the application for the Tree City U.S.A. was submitted in December.

Mr. Richmond stated that a notice was received from the Ohio Department of Agriculture regarding the upcoming spraying for the Gypsy Moth, and that there is a public meeting to be held February 18, 2016 at 149 N. Sandusky Street.

ITEM 8. PRESENTATION of Site Distances at Intersections

Ms. Stachler discussed the current standards for site distances at intersections that currently apply a site triangle of 20 feet in each direction.

Information was provided on the ODOT standards of site distances at intersections and that the City of Dublin follows these standards. Ms. Stachler to research other local communities standards and will make a recommendation to Council.

Ms. Stachler discussed previous reports by residents regarding concerns of site obstructions at intersections.

Vice-Chairwoman Wright asked what the potential role the Parking and Safety Committee will have in the decision. Ms. Stachler discussed the need for further research. Mr. Olen recommended that staff research what other engineering standards that are available.

ITEM 9. DISCUSSION with City Manager Tom Homan

Mr. Homan provided an update on organizational changes and the recruitment of a full-time Parks and Natural Resource Director.

ITEM 10. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Mathews provided a review of the Customer Service requests.

Mr. Davenport indicated that the department received additional funding to

assist with planting and pruning trees and for increased seasonal labor hours.

ITEM 11. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Olen discussed further research completed regarding the topic Alien Invasive Species and that he would like to be able to provide information with a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Olen requested that this topic be placed on a future agenda.

ITEM 9. PLAN REVIEWS

- A. Glenross North-Section 1-approved with the following revisions:
  - 1. Elimination of 1 tree at intersections due to stop sign visibility. Eliminated tree will be “worked into” plan at another location.
  - 2. Tree species diversity (as detailed on plans)
  
- B. Communities at Glenross-Section 6-approved with the following revisions:
  - 1. Elimination of 1 tree at intersections due to stop sign visibility.
  - 2. Tree species diversity (as detailed on plans)
  
- 3. Veterans Park-approved as submitted

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Mr. Olen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Hellinger. The Shade Tree Commission meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

  
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Chairman Carey

  
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Clerk