

Shade Tree Commission
Minutes
January 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Athens City Council Chambers

Meeting Attendees: David Ingram, Nancy Walker, John Kotowski, Emilie Wood, Jim Dyer, Lee Gregg, Peter Kostas, Code Dir. David Riggs

1. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right-of-Way Issues, Public Land
 - a. No issues

2. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues
 - a. Ohio University Credit Union (OUCU) are planning to remove some deciduous and evergreen trees and replace like with like, the plan is attached to the minutes. This is an item of information whereby the OUCU are informing us under Title 41 of changes they are making but the changes do not trigger compliance with Title 37.
 - b. County EMS – plan attached to the minutes
 - i. The seven existing trees are not shown on the plan. We need to know the species, and where they are located, before we can give credit for them.
 - ii. We cannot give an allowance for the gas line right-of-way.
 - iii. The calculations on the landscape plan, sheet C101, have some errors. The calculation for the trees required for the impermeable space has been divided by 1529 instead of 1527 sq.ft. Thus, the impermeable area of 26,044 sq.ft. requires 17.1 large shade trees (LST). For each tree in the impermeable area there is 240 sq.ft. of space in the permeable area. Thus, 4093 sq.ft. has to be subtracted from the permeable area. This leaves a net permeable area of 55194 sq.ft. which requires 31.2 LSTs. So, the site needs a total of 48.3 LSTs.
 - iv. This an Athens County facility, is it exempt from City code? This is City land that the County is using. So, this becomes a Title 33 issue, where the STC is consulted and these comments become recommendations to the City Service Safety Director.

3. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy
 - a. Calendar of needs for the year along with activities involving the City or volunteers do

4. Other business
 - a. Richland Avenue plans have been received for review by the Commission. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting, [Richland Avenue Bridge Final Plan Set](#)
 - b. O’Bleness’s plan: we need to meet with the owners/architects to discuss the plans. David Riggs will try to set up a meeting.
 - c. Prokos Athens Central Hotel. There will be an inspection.

5. Minutes of the December 12th, 2019
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from John Kotowski, seconded by Nancy Walker. The minutes were approved without objection.

6. Next meeting is February 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber