

**Shade Tree Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**February 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm**  
**Athens City Council Chambers**

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

1. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right-of-Way Issues, Public Land
  - a. Stimson Avenue,  
[https://www.ci.athens.oh.us/DocumentCenter/View/5438/106687\\_Stage-2-Full-Plan-Set](https://www.ci.athens.oh.us/DocumentCenter/View/5438/106687_Stage-2-Full-Plan-Set), David Ingram, Ann Bonner, and Jessica Aldine have walked the site and identified possible sites for planting large shade trees. Jessica will identify these locations in the plans. There are some sites for trees towards the west end of the project and none on the east end of the project. The depth of soil in the median should be 30” which is plenty for many trees as long as it is not filled with debris from the project. It was noted that this consultation by the city represents a significant change and the commission thanks Jessica Aldine for reaching out and making this consultation possible.
  - b. Richland Avenue, [Richland Avenue Bridge Final Plan Set](#), these plans are for a major project that will include the loss of up to 19 trees on university property. No city trees are included in the project for removal or for planting, at this time.
  - c. Tree permit for 35 Woodward – request to remove one dead ash tree and one tree in serious decline. David Sincoff and David Ingram recommended that these trees be removed.
  
2. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues
  - a. Prokos Hotel – David Ingram, David Riggs and Demetrios Prokos walked the site and the property is in compliance with Title 37.
  
3. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy
  - a. Ailanthus - at the top of West Washington St (NW corner) behind the white garages which maybe storage for the middle school. Another 2-3 trees are located behind Ambassador Laundry. These are not city sites and we can only encourage the owners to remove these trees.
  
4. Other business
  - a. ODNR <http://forestry.ohiodnr.gov/forestactionplan> , please fill out the survey at that website.
  - b. Southeast Ohio Tree City USA Awards Program at Vinton Furnace State Experimental Forest in Vinton County 10 -3 PM April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  - c. Tree Commission Academy in Logan on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Southeast Ohio Tree Care Conference in Athens in September, 2020
  
5. Minutes of the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes from John Kotowski, seconded by David Sincoff. The minutes were approved without objection.
  
6. Next meeting is March 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber