Akron Tree Commission

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The Tree Commission convened in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 1:31 p.m. via videoconference with Sarah Vradenburg chairing. The meeting was livestreamed on YouTube.

Commission Members present: Sandy Agosta, Sara Biviano, Gabe Forte', Eufrancia Lash, Jacqui Ricchiuti, and Sarah Vradenburg

Commission Members absent: Brittany Robinson and Patricia Wyatt

Others in attendance: Matthew Knull, Arborist; Rebecca Trudeau, Assistant Law Director; Casey Shevlin, Director of Sustainability and Resiliency

Motion by Vradenburg to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.

Unfinished Business:

Upcoming events/ Ward Meetings: Matt Knull intends to contact Ward 2 Councilman Phil Lombardo to request to attend an upcoming meeting as the City's Tree Program will focus on Chapel Hill and North Hill for planting since these areas were identified as a priority.

Project Acorn updates: Project Acorn distributed the 40 trees associated with the grant at the Wellness Fair. They just had their graduation ceremony with 6 people completing the cohort.

Urban Forestry Grant updates: Trees through this grant will be planted at Joy Park.

Discuss education to help residents dealing with private trees on adjacent properties: Liability was mentioned. Matt Knull is working on a one pager directing residents to the American Society of Consulting Arborists for an unbiased opinion. Law will need to review this.

New Business:

Fall planting will begin the end of October/beginning of November.

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Public Comment:

None

For the Good of the Order:

None

No further business, Vradenburg adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Sara Biviano, Secretary

Sarah Vradenburg, Chair

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