Akron Tree Commission

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The Tree Commission convened in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 1:44 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; Leah Heiser, Landscape Technician III; Casey Shevlin, Director of Sustainability and Resiliency; Jessica Glowczewski, Watershed Superintendent

Motion by Ricchiuti to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. (Forte' was unable to vote due to not being connected to video.)

Unfinished Business:

Public Education Strategy: Gabe Forte thanked Matt Knull, Rebecca Trudeau, and Stephanie Marsh for their work on this. Matt Knull shared the newest one pager created on hiring a reputable tree servicer which is on the Tree Commission's webpage. Gabe Forte' recommended this item be removed from the next meeting's agenda and there were no objections.

Upcoming events/ Ward Meetings: The Commission is invited to attend the Ward 5 meeting on September 17th at EANDC. Matt Knull will be there and Gabe Forte and Sandy Agosta stated they could attend.

Project Acorn updates: Discussion was held on the tree giveaway discussed at the previous month's meeting. There were concerns raised on the short window of time in order to prepare and details needed regarding the requirements of the grant that need to be met. It was suggested that Project Acorn distribute the trees this fall and the commission can consider being involved in the next cohort.

Urban Forestry Grant updates: Matt Knull and Casey Shevlin will be addressing information about this grant at the Ward 5 meeting.

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

None

For the Good of the Order:

None

No further business, Vradenburg adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Sara Biviano, Secretary

Sarah Vradenburg, Chair

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