

Tree Advisory and Education Board
Minutes 8/14/2024

Attendees: Sam Bonvisutto, Linda Grandstaff, Rita Stevens, Matt Bixenstine, Alex Martin, Tristan Rader

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 6:05 pm

Following a motion by Matt, seconded by Linda, the minutes of the July meeting were approved as submitted.

Linda had previously shared information on the Cuyahoga Tree Summit on 9/27/2024 for tree advocacy groups in the county. Matt and Linda plan to attend and will share the results.

The Most Distinguished Tree Contest with the Lakewood Observer is underway. Results will be reported at the September meeting.

The Community Canopy tree giveaway will include two large canopy trees (pin oak and hackberry) and 4 understory trees (redbud, dogwood, hornbeam and serviceberry.) The online ordering system will go live on 9/10 and will be promoted through the city's website and social media and at the Lakewood Community Festival on 9/7 at Madison Park. The tree pickup will be on 10/19 from 10 am to noon at the Bernice Pyke. The board will work on developing funding sources for next year's program and will keep John Story informed. This year's program cost \$12,000 and included 200 trees and the board will look for funding to increase the number of trees in 2025.

The Forestry Department provided an update on the amount of storm damage and will report on the tonnage of tree debris the city collected. The fall tree planting (approximately 200 trees) will occur in October and November. Stump grinding starts soon. Replanting of trees on Glenbury will take place after the water line work is completed.

There was also a discussion of updated standards for protection of trees during sidewalk replacement. Park Row front lawn tree planting will occur during the fall. There was also a discussion of volcano mulching and reposting on social media on proper mulching techniques.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Grandstaff, Chair / Secretary