

**Shade Tree Commission
Minutes
August 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Athens City Council Chambers**

Meeting Attendees: Nancy Walker, Emilie Wood, John Kotowski, Jim Dyer, and Peter Kostas.

1. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right-of-Way Issues, Public Land
 - a. None
2. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues
 - a. None
3. Ron Lucas report
 - a. America In Bloom tour went extremely well. We were complimented for our tour method and our profile presentation. We will know our score sometime in September. Thanks to all who helped participate and we should strive to keep the momentum going in 2020. Judges thought the tree canopy was good.
 - b. Revisiting the tree bank process. Currently, it is not being formalized and that needs to change.
 - c. Ron would like to schedule an Arbor Day celebration in mid-October.
4. Other
 - a. Nancy observed that while she helped weed some of the tree pits on Court St., she noticed that the swamp white oaks were doing particularly well.
 - b. There was a broad discussion on how to get some volunteers to get help with attending to basic chores around the maintenance of hanging baskets and other decorative plantings in the City.
5. Minutes of the July 11, 2019
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from John Kotowski, seconded by Jim Dyer. The minutes were approved without objection.
6. Next meeting is September 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber