

**Shade Tree Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**September 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm**  
**Athens City Council Chambers**

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

1. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right-of-Way Issues, Public Land
  - a. 66 Elmwood possible dead and declining trees and 76 Elmwood a tree dropping branches.
2. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues
  - a. Prokos Hotel is near completion, we need to check that the hardscape is in place for the trees.
  - b. O'Bleness plan for an addition, we need to check it is in compliance.
  - c. Dead tree at 131 Mill St. reported to the code office.
3. Ron Lucas report
  - a. Mary Reed and Atilla Horvath are planning a tree planting on West Union St. between Depot and the Smith St. roundabout. They will submit a plan to Ron. This is potentially our Arbor Day planting and may include Middle School students.
  - b. We may be able to continue the Tree Inventory project with the help of Loraine McCosker, Ann Bonner and students in the N. Congress area.
  - c. Fall Planting – three sites uptown and elsewhere, budget \$2500 - \$4000.
  - d. Tree City USA application for our 30<sup>th</sup> year. Perhaps we can host the event for our region.
4. Maintenance of the tree canopy
  - a. 212 W. Washington needs a tree to be limbed up.
  - b. Still some ash trees dying or dead, but they are not a hazard and so will be left. There are none in the right-of-way
5. Minutes of the August 8, 2019
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes from David Sincoff, seconded by John Kotowski. The minutes were approved without objection.
6. Next meeting is October 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber