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URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION
Monday, 3/9/2026 3:30 p.m.
Executive Sessions Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Bob Brantsch, Chairperson Laura Root Joe Kollar	John Berg Tom Klingler Stephen Bagstad
ALSO PRESENT:	Jeff Napieralski, Urban Forestry Andrews Boateng	Kari Erdman, Secretary
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jeff Saltzman	

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Bob.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

SWEARING IN OF Tom Klingler and Stephen Bagstad by Mayor Pribonic to become official members of the Urban Forestry Commission.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Joe Kollar to approve the minutes from the 1/12/26 meeting; Seconded by Laura Root, All in favor. Motion passed.

1. **E-Newsletter-** Kari will reach out to Jeff Saltzman regarding Beech tree disease. Jeff Napieralski will write article for April regarding EarthFest. Commission will need to gather article ideas for the next several months and plan who will write and submit articles on the commission's behalf. Tom suggested looking into submitting the monthly articles to local e-papers like the Summiteer. Kari will reach out to the marketing team to find out deadlines for submitting articles.

2. **Tree Management Plan-** Joe presented the updated Tree Management plan at the last council meeting. Received lots of positive feedback on Joe and his representation of the Urban Forestry Commission. Copies of the tree management plan were handed out to all members. Joe motioned to approve the updated plan, all in favor, the motion passed.

3. **EarthFest-** EarthFest is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Adele Durbin park. Jeff ordered 100 white oak trees, approximately 3-5ft to giveaway at the event. John suggested looking into ordering from the state nursery Buckeye nursery in Zanesville next time. The commission plans to do a pruning tour and an invasive ID walk at the event. Joe and Bob will meet at Adele Durbin this Saturday to identify the trees needed. Bob suggested doing the education at two times i.e. 10:30am and 11:00am.

4. **Fishcreek Elementary-** Laura went and met with the Principal at Fishcreek Elementary. They are wanting to hold the event on April 26th. Jeff has a shingle oak tree that is available for tree planting. Laura will send Jeff Napieralski the contact information for the principal so that he can set up a meeting to determine the area for the planting. Jeff is going to order giveaway trees for approximately 300 students and get those ordered ASAP.

5. **Pop-up series- This** year instead of the pop ups in the park the Parks and Recs department will be doing a pop-up series in partnership with "the AMP". They will be holding 7 events from April to October to have the public come out and interact with the process of the construction and the planning. The 1st event is Sunday, April 12th from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Bob is going to attend and will pick up giveaways from Kari the week before the event. He thinks it will be a good conversation starter prior to the EarthFest event and can promote more to attend. All

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members are welcome to join. Commission will decide following the event what other pop-ups they would like participate in.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 4/13/2026, 3:30 pm, Stow City Hall Boards & Commissions Room.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 4:42 PM

Bob Brantsch, Chairperson

Kari Erdman, Secretary