

## **CIRCLEVILLE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 5/14/2026**

The Circleville Tree Commission convened in Council Chambers 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., 127 South Court Street, on Thursday, May 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Members present at Roll Call: Chair Beth Kowalski, Alan Gribler, Joe Bradshaw, and Sarah Kolesar, Assistant Clerk. Other guests present: Council Liaison Sheri Theis, Volunteer Paul Hang, and Service Department Superintendent Chris Cupp. Absent Members: Vice Chair Lisa Wiseman, Felicia Speakman, and Matthew Fosnaugh.

Kowalski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Roll Call.

Burton was initially marked absent but arrived at 6:12 p.m.

### **Old Business:**

1. Kowalski motioned to approve the meeting minutes from April 9, 2026. Bradshaw seconded. Motion carried.
2. Community Outreach & Visibility Report: Burton reported that he submitted an Arbor Day post with photos. He also noted that the Herald published an article about City Arborist Tyler Mitten.
3. IRA UCF Planting, Phase 4 status: Planting is underway, but will discuss further details at the next meeting as Mitten is unable to attend this meeting.
4. Tree Planting Report – April 24, 2026: Gribler reported that the planting was successful and that the students planted 57 trees efficiently.
5. Arbor Day Fair Report – April 25, 2026: Paul said it was a pleasant day, but attendance was low, with about four children participating in crafts. Kowalski suggested holding the event next year when other activities are taking place at the park to help attract more participants. Paul also noted that the event was not well advertised and that the Herald did not publish an article.

### **New Business:**

1. Arborists' Report: Postponed until next meeting.
2. Service Department Report: Chris Cupp had a question regarding stickers that are to be placed on the Tree City signs and plans to put them on Main St. and asked if there's a particular place the stickers should be placed. Kowalski suggested using his best judgment.

**Other Business:** None.

### **Tabled Business:**

1. Approval of Changes to Comprehensive Tree Plan including pruning procedures.
2. Status of IRA UCF Planting, Phases 1 & 2, including possible legal action.

**Upcoming Events:** The next Tree Commission meeting is Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Burton motioned to adjourn the Tree Commission meeting at 7:14 p.m. Kowalski seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Sarah Kolesar, Assistant Clerk.