

## Cleveland Shade Tree Board

Tuesday March 22, 201

- Call to Order
- Minutes from last meeting
- Urban Forester's report

### Old Business

- Insert in Utility Bill
- Newspaper article: Milan Blake March 6<sup>th</sup>  
John Thomason: March 29<sup>th</sup>, runs April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Parker Street planting progress, Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Broad replacement)
- Final plan and date for Tree City and Arbor Day celebration

### New Business

- Shade Tree Board Logo
- Shade Tree Board article displays/framing
- All About the Green event at CSCC
- Report from members



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# **Shade Tree Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2016 @ 12:00 p.m.**

**Municipal Annex Conference Room**

**Members Present (6):** Amy Banks, George Poe Jr, Ken Webb, Dale Hughes, Matt Coleman Will Jones.

**Members absent (2):** Dennis Epperson & Milan Blake.

**Others In Attendance (3):** Dan Hartman, John Thomason and Beverley Lindsey.

**Called Meeting to Order:** Amy Banks called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**Special Guests:** Casey Zipperer, Tracie Shellhouse, Delaney Walker and Lee Jones.

**Waive Reading of Minutes:**

Jo Benjamin made a motion to approve the January 26, 2016 meeting minutes with one correction (18,000 homes city wide).

Will Jones second the motion.

All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carries.

Amy welcomed everyone. We have guests from New Hope Pregnancy Center.

**New Hope Pregnancy Center – Safety Concern Two Red Oak Trees**

Casey Zipperer, Tracie Shellhouse, Delaney Walker and Lee Jones requested assistance with the acorn and leaf problem at the New Hope Pregnancy Center located at Worth/4<sup>th</sup> Street (old oncology building). There are two 20 year old red oak trees that constantly drop acorns. This is a safety concern because they have clients coming in and out and the acorns pose a slip/trip hazard. Last year, they had one client to fall that was on a knee scooter.

Dan Hartman stated that he had received 16 phone calls requesting to keep the trees. He asked about the condition of the tree. There are no dead limbs. The trees are healthy. They have tried to keep the sidewalks clean but do not have the staffing.

Amy Banks stated that she has seen these trees. They are uniform. They are in their prime. They bring value to the building.

Matt Coleman disclosed that his family has worked with New Hope for years.

After a lengthy discussion of the issues. Several suggestions were made by the board about sweeping/blowing the sidewalks... Installing a watch your step sign also suggested. Dan Hartman stated that will ask someone to look at Public Works to look at the cracked sidewalk. It's most likely caused by the roots of these 20 year old trees. Dan stated he can trim the trees (not cut) before the leaves come out. This may help control the drop age of the acorns and leaves especially when they are dropping the worst from September - November. His crew will perform the trimming on a Friday when the office is closed. Everyone seemed happy with this proposal.

#### **Urban Forestry Report:**

101 trees were planted

4 trees were trimmed.

Removed all leaves and debris from all pavilion gutters and roofs at Tinsley Park.

Installed eight new trash containers at Mouse Creek Soccer Fields and five at Greenway Park.

Repainted Deer Park, Fletcher Park, Greenway Trailhead restrooms.

Dan also attended and spoke at the Chattanooga Area Landscape Professional Association Conference.

A complete copy of his report can be seen in his hand-out.

Jo Benjamin stated that she would like to find more locations to plant trees.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **Orchard Grant News:**

Dana Teasley did not attend the meeting. Amy Banks stated that we were not awarded the Orchard grant.

She asked Will Jones to check to see what the Jones Foundation could donate, also check on the type of trees and the cost involved. She remembers a few years ago a little girl was concerned about feeding the homeless and requested that fruit trees be planted.

##### **Insert for Cleveland Utilities Utility Bill:**

Ken Webb, Amy Banks and Jo Benjamin worked on.

##### **Cleveland Shade Tree Logo:**

Amy Banks stated that she remembers a logo that we had for the Shade Tree Board . She stated that it was a tree with a winding path with the words Promote, Plant, Preserve. Dan will check on.

**REMINDER: Newspaper Article Assignments:**

February, 2016          Dennis Epperson

(Article: Caring for crape myrtles properly can assure a healthy, colorful tree, will run Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>).

March, 2016          Milan Blake (Article will run, Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>)

April, 2016          John Thomason

May, 2016          George Poe

June, 2016          Amy Banks

July, 2016          Jo Benjamin

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Handouts:** Tree City USA Bulletin No. 54, Flyer: Benefits of Trees

**Tree City Recognition/Arbor Day Celebration** – April 26<sup>th</sup> at Noon. This will be a normal Tree Board meeting day. The Arbor Day Celebration ceremony will be the meeting. Location is at 17<sup>th</sup>/Keith. Park at Jeff Miller's Office.

**Crepe Myrtle (Crepe Murder) Information Door Hangars** – On hold.

**Letter to Chamber/Matt** – Status update: Matt Coleman will check.

**Chair/Co-Chair/Committees:**

Dale Hughes made a motion to appoint Amy Banks as Chair and Matt Coleman as Co-Chair.

Ken Webb second the motion.

All in Favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

**Reports from Members:**

**Standing Tall for Trees Picture**

Amy Banks had the article framed and will give to Mary Ruth Younger, regarding her stand on keeping the trees at the Dog Park site at Tinsley.

**Article Placement:**

Matt Coleman asked if there is anywhere in the city, at CU or the Library (a good public place) to hang framed articles/documents regarding the Tree Board? Dan stated that he would check on this.

**No further business, meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted by: Beverley Lindsey

*The preceding minutes was made from a taped recording and is generally an accurate account of the meeting. The audio tape recording of the minutes should be reviewed to resolve any questions concerning the accuracy of any statement or minutes.*

Note to Dan,

(I know this is not the Shade Tree Board logo, but this tree is cool )



*CLEVELAND SHADE TREE BOARD*

*PROMOTE -PLANT- PRESERVE*

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## **Parks, Recreation & Forestry February Activity Report**

Call received - Trees – 10  
Plan review – 6  
Weeds – 1  
Parks - 6

Trimmed – 10 trees

Removed – 2 trees

Planted - 45 trees

Storm Calls – 2

Memorial Trees – 4 applications

On-site Inspections – 15

Installed 6 cameras on Greenway

Forester attended:

Shade Tree Board  
Greenway Board

# TREE BASICS

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BULLETINS

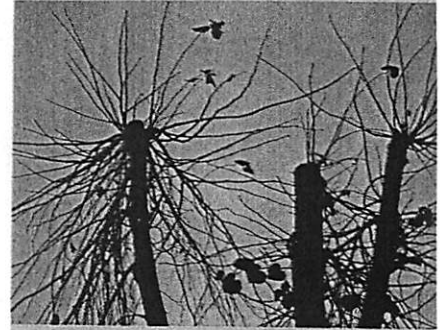


## Topping Trees Destroys Beauty — and More

During this season when the beauty of trees and idyllic landscapes are part of our celebrations, topped trees remain a plague in many parts of the country. John Davey, founder of Davey Tree Experts, began a campaign more than 100 years ago to stop this destructive practice, yet it persists today, especially in rural areas and small communities.

### *Eight good reasons why topping a tree is a bad idea*

- 1 Starvation.** Reducing too much of the crown reduces the tree's ability to produce the sugars it needs.
- 2 Shock.** The reduction of shade on other parts of the tree can have a negative effect.
- 3 Insects and Disease.** The large stubs are vulnerable to rot and attractive to insects.
- 4 Rapid regrowth.** The prolific growth of resulting sprouts quickly restores size but with a less safe crown.
- 5 Weak limbs.** Sprouts at the edge of truncated limbs are weakly attached. Combined with rot, the situation can become very dangerous.
- 6 Tree death.** Some species cannot tolerate topping and the result is decline and early death.
- 7 Ugliness.** A topped tree is a disfigured tree. It is a tree robbed of its natural shape and beauty.
- 8 Cost.** The savings in cost from quick topping by unskilled individuals is lost in the long run by the negative results of this malpractice.



The silhouettes of topped trees are a sure sign that someone did not get the message about the negative effects of this unfortunate treatment of landscape trees.



Tree City USA Bulletin No. 8 provides hard-hitting information about topping, as well as a safer alternative to reducing tree size through proper pruning when necessary. For more information, please visit [aborday.org/bulletins](http://aborday.org/bulletins).