

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Tree Commission
Held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building
On Wednesday, July 10, 2024

The Chairman Rick Varga, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Commission Members: Mary Berges; Megan Engelmann; Matt Smith; John Traxler; Liesa Wetzig
Chair Richard Varga (non-voting Member)

Absent: Alex Boccabella

Others in Attendance: Rachel Markovitz, Assistant Clerk of Council

There is currently one vacancy on the Tree Commission

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Berges to Amend the Agenda to add items 8a, 8b, and 8c for an Executive Session to Consider the Appointment of a Public Official, and the vote was: Ms. Berges, "yes"; Ms. Englemann, "yes"; Mr. Smith, "yes"; Mr. Traxler, "yes"; Ms. Wetzig, "yes".

The vote was 5 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Berges to Accept the Agenda as Amended, and the vote was: Ms. Berges, "yes"; Ms. Englemann, "yes"; Mr. Smith, "yes"; Mr. Traxler, "yes"; Ms. Wetzig, "yes".

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AVON TREE COMMISSION HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

A motion was made by Ms. Wetzig and seconded by Mr. Smith to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Avon Tree Commission held Wednesday, June 12, 2024, and to approve said minutes as published, and the vote was: Ms. Engelmann, "yes"; Mr. Smith, "yes"; Mr. Traxler, "yes"; Ms. Wetzig, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes".

The vote was 5 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

DISCUSSION FOR ARBOR DAY

Mr. Varga

Mr. Varga advised that they have quite a bit to get organized as far as their Arbor Day activities so he made an activity draft sheet for everyone to start reviewing to see what they may be interested in activity-wise. Mr. Varga mentioned that Mr. Smith has several activities that have been already accomplished. Mr. Smith advised that for the opening ceremony sheet handout Ms. Berges provided, he put his name down as the lead member as he will take care of coordinating with Mayor Jensen. Mr. Smith added that he contacted the Choir Director at Avon High School and will get something arranged for the Arbor Day event. He added Mr. Varga and him will handle the opening ceremony responsibility.

Mr. Varga requested that everyone review the list to see what they want to start working on so they can discuss it in greater detail at the next meeting. He advised there is a lot to review and discuss which may take a while but he wanted everyone to start looking at what he had put together like such activities as the scavenger hunt. Mr. Varga commented that Mr. Traxler will talk to Willoway Nursery about the trees. Mr. Smith noted that on the second page of the handout where it says, "Site Set Up," Mr. Boccabella would be the lead member; however, responsibilities with an asterisk on it such as trash receptacles, road blocks, restroom access etc., he advised it may be easier overall to just have his name listed for that responsibility and he will take care of that and work with the Streets Department. Mr. Smith also noted on the following page under "Entertainment," his name is listed as lead member. He requested if Ms. Englemann could take care of the face painting aspect of that section and Ms. Englemann confirmed she could handle that responsibility.

Mr. Varga suggested that the Girl Scouts be involved in leading the opening ceremony. Mr. Varga inquired of Ms. Englemann if she could start considering that possibility and as he believes it would be nice to have them there on stage in front of everyone, and the Mayor and the choir will be there as well. Mr. Smith inquired of Ms. Englemann her thoughts on the Girl Scouts doing the opening ceremony. Ms. Englemann stated she is sure they would be happy to participate, and she is certain they could put together some sort of activity for them to complete but also if there is anything you want them to do to assist with the event to let her know. Mr. Smith noted at the end of the event there is closing clean up maybe they could assist with cleanup as well since many of the Tree Commission members already handle cleaning after the event. Ms. Englemann advised they may be able to get some of the older girls from 11:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. if you want them to be present at the opening ceremony; however, with the younger scouts it may be a lot for them to stay until close to help clean up so they may want to consider that timeframe. Mr. Smith noted with that time-frame there is homecoming too, so for the high school Girl Scouts its not good time wise either. Ms. Wetzig stated they may get there earlier but then they would have to leave earlier.

Mr. Varga remarked normally every year at Arbor Day they give away tree seedlings; however, for this year's event they were planning to give away a larger tree such as a 5-7 gallon container, but the prerequisite is that those interested would have to sign up for it and attend a class to learn how to plant this tree, the type of soil needed, and how to water it so they have an educational understanding of its care. Mr. Varga stated when someone attends the class which could be the following Saturday after Arbor Day, then they could pick up their tree. Ms. Wetzig inquired if they would also be doing the sign ups and class at Arbor Day. Mr. Varga confirmed, and Ms. Wetzig stated they could then give a certificate to pick up the tree. Mr. Varga stated they could do it that way, but they can discuss at a different time in greater detail. Mr. Varga added they are trying to put this together now so they can have discussions ahead of time. He commented these are new aspects for Arbor Day this year, so it is a new adventure for them and they want to make sure it works out good for everyone.

Mr. Varga commented they need to think about the scavenger hunt and what they wish to do this year. Mr. Varga added in the past, they have had a scavenger hunt activity. He commented they have also had different vendors setup along the Storybook Trail and believed last year they had Lowe's and Cracker Barrel as well as a few others. Mr. Smith inquired if The Wine Shop was present last year to which Mr. Varga confirmed they also attended last year, and Lorain County Metro Parks attended both years. Mr. Varga advised they are trying to get Davey Tree Expert Company to come to this event as well. He added that is why they wanted to start discussing this now as he had made up a tentative list for everyone as far as potential sponsors and to open up communication with different people.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Englemann if she had any interest in doing this year's flyer for Arbor Day. Ms. Englemann confirmed she would. Mr. Smith noted they could put her recent artwork in designing the Redbud tree graphics. Mr. Varga commented that he believes the flyer will be important to get accomplished sooner rather than later since they might have a Save-the-Date for the Avon residents so they can start thinking about Arbor Day.

Ms. Berges inquired of Mr. Varga in relation to vendors, since they are looking to have more vendors this year, if they want to add them to the sponsors and donations team or set that up separately. Mr. Smith stated they want to get this flyer completed earlier so they could have sponsors added on later if needed and they may want to have the sponsors added to a separate sheet similar to the Christmas Tree Lighting event which had the sponsors listed separately.

There was some general discussion regarding a team lead member in relation to donations or booths, and if it was the same circumstance as last year.

UPDATE ON THE TREE COMMISSION NEWSLETTER

Mr. Varga and Ms. Berges

Ms. Berges advised that her Work Group met yesterday to discuss the Tree Commission newsletter as they are looking to get it published sometime in August. She noted the deadline is at the end of July for their stories and articles to be submitted. Ms. Berges stated topics of discussion included:

- Tree City USA Award that the Tree Commission received this year.
- Memorial Tree Planting Program
- The New Tree Commission Logo, which will be developed and supplied by Ms. Englemann.
- The Student Member Application reminder as the deadline was established as September 4, 2024, to ensure there is plenty of time for the students to express interest.
- Avon hosting the Tree City USA Awards next year. They plan to have an "Ask the Arborist" section so that Mr. Varga can answer selected questions that people have asked through the Tree Commission email.
- Fast Facts, which discusses the number of acres that have been saved by the City through the purchase of property that is not going to be developed and will be used as active or passive parks.
 - Additional facts and information would include the number of seedlings the Tree Commission has donated over the last two years through the Arbor Day event, the number of trees planted by the City the past few years and what the overall benefit has been for those trees.

UPDATE ON THE TREE RING HISTORY PROJECT

Mr. Varga

Mr. Varga advised that Mr. Smith, Ralph White, Vice-Chair of the Historical Society; and himself met together and developed a list of historical events in Avon that they would like to see on the Tree Ring History Project. He added they had the tags laser printed with the historical dates of Avon for people to see the correlation on the tree ring. Mr. Varga also noted there will be two history rings on carts, one of which will be on display at City Hall. Mr. Smith confirmed and added that one will be at the Wilbur Cahoon

House Museum, and the other one will be on display at City Hall where it can be signed out by schools, organizations, etc. for use by the community. Mr. Varga stated that all the dates strictly focus on Avon to show everyone all the historical events that happened in Avon and their timeline including how it relates to the tree such as how the tree developed, and certain events that happened as this tree was growing. Mr. Smith commented the purchase order should be ready by the end of the week so it is progressing and moving forward.

DISCUSSION OF THE TREE COMMISSION APPLICATIONS-

Mr. Varga and Mr. Smith

Mr. Varga advised the applicants were present tonight and he invited them each the opportunity to come up and say a few quick things to the Tree Commission or if they had any questions for the Commission they wanted to ask.

Q & A INFORMATION SESSION:

Liz Damstra, 4054 Jaycox Road, stated she applied because she loves things that grow in general. Her neighbor has been a wealth of information for her since her family moved to Avon, but she also is somewhat of a out of townner and has only lived in Avon for six years. In those six years she has seen the change that has happened in the City. Ms. Damstra thinks change is great and that Avon has a ton of services they provide to the residents. She stated she has four children, her oldest is 12 years old and her youngest is 4 years old so she uses a ton of services in Avon which she is thankful for.

Ms. Damstra asked rhetorically what makes something really beautiful? Is it a really glamorous house? Or having a really nice restaurant down the street? She thought no, because you can see the humblest of homes but when they have things like a mature tree and beautiful plants that have been carefully thought out, that is what makes a home really beautiful. She added sometimes when you drive through an area like Bay Village, you wonder why Bay Village is so unique and so beautiful, and she believes it is because they have a ton of mature trees such as oaks, and maples. Ms. Damstra stated when she drives through Avon she does not see that same thing and partly that is because it was previously farmlands, so there was not the same chance to have a 40 or 50 year old oak tree but she thought, can you steer a city to be beautiful not because of its large houses or grandiose restaurants etc. that we have but could you make it beautiful by just simply the things that you encourage to plant? Those are her thoughts behind that and while she does not know what the day-to-day experience is like on the Commission, those are just things she thinks of. She added that is just her interest in it and her impression. She believed the Commission was looking for a high school student and believes that maybe she has the spirit of a high school student.

Mr. Varga clarified that the high school student would be a separate position who would be a non-voting member of the Commission. He added what the Commission is trying to do is get the younger generation more involved and create some motivation so that hopefully, they can spread the word to their friends and tell them what the Tree Commission does and possibly attend a meeting. Ms. Damstra agreed and added it sounds fun.

Mr. Varga advised in addition what their goal as a Tree City USA city is to have a complete work plan. He commented it is very detailed and involved in which they need to address the tree canopy, and things of that nature to be established so they still have a lot of work to complete. Mr. Varga added the Commission is only two years old, so they really have just begun and some other cities have had that designation for a long time such as Bay Village. Ms. Damstra stated she does not want to compare, and she knows it is a totally different demographic, but she just feels that it is so beautiful, and asked herself why does she

think its beautiful? Because they have towering trees and shade for miles. Mr. Varga commented that is what they are trying to strive for, they are trying to establish a good tree plan for the City, and this is their start but there is a lot of work to do.

Mary Johnson, 3507 Mass Drive, thanked the Commission and stated she has been a resident of Avon for over 30 years and her husband and her have raised two boys here in Avon. Their first home was on Wyndemere Way and trees backed up to the property and they got to appreciate that for approximately 29 years while there. She stated when they moved in guests would say, "oh this is great! Don't you love those trees? It's going to really stink when they tear them down." For 29 years they enjoyed those trees, and they are still there so they were lucky. Ms. Johnson stated where they live now on Mass Drive they back up to trees and she has truly come to appreciate what those mean to the City. She added that she also watched as the City has grown and changed and the things that were lost, such as a tree canopy on Detroit Road. She has a vivid recollection of driving down Detroit Road especially when they first moved to Avon from Westlake and by SR 83 where there was not a stop light along the way and the trees kind of arched over the road and they bloomed in the spring, providing shade in the summer, and they had beautiful colors in the fall and it was lovely. She commented as the City grows and changes, which it has to do that, she believes it is very important the work that this Commission is doing to make sure that they find that tree canopy in other places or help to create it or maintain it however that can happen.

Ms. Johnson advised that her professional background encompasses communications, event planning, project management, grant-writing and stewardship so she is hopeful some of those skills might be something that the Commission could use, and she is interested in helping her City. Ms. Johnson advised she is retired and so she has some time on her hands and recently started volunteering at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and she is enjoying that outdoor activity, but she would like to give some of that time to the City and help this project grow.

Albert Tomechko, 3053 Jaycox Road, stated he has lived in Avon his entire life as his mom and dad moved here in the mid-1980s, so he has grown up in Avon from his first Kindergarten class at Holy Trinity to Avon High School. He stated he has a lot of pride for Avon and he believes that is why he loves to farm and garden and why he manages a 300-acre family property that is a registered tree farm in Southeastern Ohio, and that is one of the reasons that he applied to be on the Tree Commission. Mr. Tomechko stated that he does not have a ton of experience with urban tree planting but next Tuesday on July 23, 2024, he is participating in a field day hosted by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)- Forestry Department to show the work he has done on his family's 300-acre farm and to help with tree regeneration in that area. He believes that is something that could translate to urban planning including explaining to people the nuances of tree planting and educating that not all big trees are healthy trees and not all overpopulated pockets of woods are healthy and sometimes it is good to thin it out and handle invasive species through removal.

Mr. Tomechko advised that he likes to run and he lives and runs on Jaycox Road in a big loop and when he recognizes invasive species, he makes note of them. He stated that you have to realize that if you go in there and just cut them with a chainsaw certain species will actually be more prolific and there would be more damage taking place long term. He added if you want to discuss planting trees then you also want to mitigate long-term risk to what does happen to these young oaks that we are planting if we are not treating some of the issues that are already outstanding.

Mr. Tomechko advised that he is currently working full-time in the sales industry, and he is very passionate about trees but also soil regeneration resulting in his starting a business focusing on regenerative

agriculture which includes carbon sequestration, reducing tillage, reducing disturbance and that is a big passion of his. He commented he knows some of the Tree Commission members had pollinator pictures of plants they have on the property. He added he believes there is a lot of education that could go into that which would be similar things as the tree plantings and more pollinator plantings that could be incorporated to help erosion. He concluded by saying that is what his passion is, his background and why he was interested in this position to be able to apply some of his knowledge.

Mr. Varga inquired of Mr. Tomechko, referring to his contracts, if he was going through the Urban Forestry Department (Ohio Department of Natural Resources). Mr. Tomechko advised that all his current contracts are through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Mr. Varga added he is aware that soil is the most important thing and growing up in the industry he knows it is all about soil. Mr. Tomechko stated being in close proximity to Lake Erie and it is not directly correlated to trees but he thinks it is close enough. There are a lot of beautiful yards in the City but he also believes they have a huge phosphorus problem in Lake Erie and it gets blamed solely on farmers. No one talks about educating people on what is being put on our lawns, how is it being applied and what are the long-term impacts. He thinks there should be training and educating people on things like how to perform a soil test, and what can the results mean, long-term impacts not only affecting that person in the color of the grass in their yard but also can impact down stream like our neighbor Lake Erie. Mr. Varga agreed and said how many people have never heard of a soil test. Mr. Varga added that a man came out to fertilize his yard and he inquired about a soil test and he was told "no." Mr. Varga added that technically if you have a soil test you could fertilize your lawn just once a year and that would be sufficient. A lot can be said with what Mr. Tomechko is indicating as far as the soils are concerned and he agrees with that 100%.

Mr. Varga advised that they are trying to recommend Ordinances be adopted or amended for the City to protect and preserve the land and create buffer zones as there are no Ordinances for when construction companies work on the land, they just take every tree out. To really look at what trees they can save as a Tree Commission. Mr. Tomechko stated he would imagine that is a huge piece because even he explained to his dad who lives next door who has a bunch of pin oaks trees. Mr. Tomechko advised him, "they have oak wilt," and most people do not know that, and he thinks you could ruin a 75-year oak tree quickly. Mr. Tomechko believes there are a lot of things that could be done, and he understands the Tree Commission is a newer committee, but he likes teaching and educating so that was one of the reasons he wanted to serve. Mr. Varga agreed that oak wilt is very bad, it is important and he is highly aware of it.

Mr. Varga stated his intention was to go into Executive Session to further discuss the appointment.

Mr. Traxler stated he felt a little bit rushed, and all of the applicants sound great and they would love to have them all involved. He stated it seems that because they are a recommending body to the Mayor and the Mayor is the one that makes the final selection, he feels that in making that recommendation there is not enough information about each of the applicants and he is unsure if every one of the applicants know what the Commission primarily does. Mr. Traxler stated Mr. Varga did a great job discussing what the Commission does but he stated that he did not feel real confident in making a decision on the short information they have tonight.

Mr. Varga stated everyone has terms on the Commission as far as how many years they can be on the Tree Commission so once their applications are in, they are in, so potentially in six months from now they may be calling one of them saying they could use the extra help. He added they have had three people already leave for various reasons so whoever gets selected now, the other two people are going to be right there with their applications next in line. Mr. Smith suggested to the applicants be involved as much

as they can. Varga stated he would love to see everyone come to Tree Commission meetings as they are welcome to and voice their opinions, see what is being done, and helping the Commission. Mr. Smith commented volunteerism is a good thing and it really is a fun and productive group. They have done a lot in a very short period of time and they do have an effect. The City has been very supportive by providing funding. He added it is great to see people that feel the same way.

Mr. Varga commented that is why they are trying to get a Student Tree Commission Member on the Commission as they want to facilitate all of this into the younger generation. He added like Mr. Tomechko, they can all educate everybody and that is what their intent is, to get people more aware of what they can do within our City.

Ms. Englemann asked about the process for Executive Session and whether is that is open or closed. Mr. Varga advised it is a closed session so everyone would have to leave. Ms. Berges confirmed and added even the Clerk must exit and advised they can wait in the lobby if they wish but the doors are closed, minutes are not taken, and the only thing they can discuss is the matter at hand.

There was an inquiry from Ms. Damstra if they are permitted to go home if they wish. Mr. Varga confirmed yes if they wish to leave they may. Ms. Berges stated that should they reach an agreement they would make a recommendation to the Mayor as Mr. Smith indicated earlier, and the next Council meeting would be August 5, 2024, so the Mayor would like to make the appointment formally on that day and then the new member would be sworn in by the Law Director. She added the next official meeting that this person would be at would be the August meeting which also coincides with when they are going to get their picture taken as the Tree Commission. Mr. Varga stated in the interim if anyone has any questions, feel free to email him anytime, and he would love to hear from them and keep in touch

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Wetzig to Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Appointment of a Public Employee or Official, and the vote was: Mr. Smith, "yes"; Mr. Traxler, "yes"; Ms. Wetzig, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Ms. Englemann, "yes".

The vote was 5 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

RECONVENE: 8:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Wetzig to Reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Tree Commission, and the vote was: Mr. Traxler, "yes"; Ms. Wetzig, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Ms. Englemann, "yes"; Mr. Smith, "yes".

The vote was 5 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Berges to Recommend to Mayor Jensen, Mary Johnson, as a new Member of the Tree Commission for Appointment for the Term Expiring in December 31, 2025. and the vote was: Ms. Wetzig, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Ms. Englemann, "yes"; Mr. Smith, "yes", Mr. Traxler, "yes".

The vote was 5 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

MEMBER COMMENTS –

Ms. Berges advised that the City has updated the construction standards and she wanted to let the Tree Commission know that as part of that there are now new tree planting standards included so those will be distributed to all of the developers in the City. Ms. Berges noted that was an important step for them and they expressed gratitude to Mr. Cummins, the City Engineer, for including that. Ms. Wetzig Inquired where they get a copy of that, and Ms. Berges responded in the newsletter but she can also send that out if interested.

Ms. Berges advised she also passed out the items that are currently on the Tree Commission webpage and if they recall when Ms. Seighman was present she mentioned the webpage needed updating as some of the items were from 2022, but she also asked that as a Tree Commission they decide what is going to go on the Tree Commission page of the website, come to a consensus, have a motion and then go to her and inform her of the changes so she does not have several people telling her to put this or that on etc. Ms. Berges stated that is why she made copies and brought it in today for review and they can look it over and at the very least as a group that they want to update the fact that they are a 2023 Tree City USA recipient. She added they can acknowledge that it was received last year but that we have gotten it this year so if that is in agreement with everyone, she can advise Ms. Seighman to update that part of their webpage.

Mr. Smith inquired if they need to vote on this and Ms. Berges advised she believes Ms. Seighman would prefer that they formalized it. She requested before making that motion to look at the Big Tree Contest and inquired if they still want that to be included on the webpage. Ms. Englemann responded she was going to make that as part of a contest with the Girl Scouts but there may be a consideration on there but was unsure if it would be taking up too much space. Ms. Berges noted she believes it was more of a question of whether it was out of date or not but it is not a question of space now so she believes they should leave it in. Ms. Englemann agreed. Ms. Berges also stated in reference to the official tree as she believes that is important to keep that in front for the residents and to update the number of trees that have been planted by the City. As of right now it was two trees planted but if it is more than that she believes it should be reflected that on the webpage, so those would be the two things that she recommends adding or changing.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Traxler to update the Tree Commission webpage and the vote was: Ms. Berges, “yes”; Ms. Englemann, “yes”; Mr. Smith, “yes”; Mr. Traxler, “yes”; Ms. Wetzig, “yes”.

The vote was 5 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

Mr. Smith inquired if Ms. Berges was going to inform Ms. Seighman to update the website. Ms. Berges responded that she will as she wanted to get that information about the Hearts of Gold Redbud Trees on the website. She added she can send it out before it gets published. Mr. Smith responded email is fine. Mr. Smith commented to keep up the good work everyone, they are making progress.

Mr. Traxler stated in regard to the milkweed for the Monarch Butterfly Waystation, there is a huge growth of milkweed next to his garden by the Traxler Arboretum and the City does a nice job with not mowing it because it is full of thistle, and it really is quite nice. He added there was a family of turkeys there as well as baby turkeys which was great, and they do not mow that area to provide a habitat for them. Mr. Varga stated that is awesome and they have to make sure that the City does not mow in that area because the

Mayor indicated to him what they should be doing. Mr. Varga stated he does not want them to do anything unless they are advised. Mr. Traxler agreed and added they are keeping the pathway mowed and that is good. He believes with wildlife protection it is hard to maintain a park and exercise caution when mowing.

Ms. Wetzig stated she reached out to Maureen, at Rocky River City Hall, and she gave her some information on how they handle things and she advised everything is in that binder and that she will email her some of the forms that they had used. Ms. Wetzig added so they would have an email copy rather than trying to recreate so she will be starting on that. She also indicated she wanted to meet with Mr. Leiden. Mr. Smith stated they should try to pick a date today and Ms. Wetzig confirmed yes as that is only next week. Ms. Berges agreed so he can try to set his calendar accordingly.

Ms. Berges stated Mr. Leiden has the notebook – relating to the Tree City USA awards ceremony and he asked when they could meet with him to go over the notebook. Mr. Leiden tentatively provided two possible dates which are July 18th or July 19th. There was some short discussion on meeting days and times among the members and it was tentatively agreed by the Commission to try to meet on Friday, July 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. but it has yet to be confirmed. Ms. Berges advised she will reach out to Mr. Leiden to determine his schedule and if that day and time would not work she will advise the group. She added she is hopeful if they can set this meeting and that some can attend.

Mr. Varga suggested that everyone look at Arbor Day activities although he believes they are off to a great start already. He added it is July, but he wants to keep everything moving. He stated that Cork & Barrel are already excited about showing up and he will contact SiteOne Landscape Supply. He advised he will make a list of businesses he plans to communicate with including friends of his and he will let everyone know. Ms. Englemann stated she has a list of a few as well that she intends to contact. She advised she does not particularly know anyone on these lists but figured she would give it a try. Ms. Englemann inquired if they correspond with each other via email. Mr. Varga confirmed and stated the list only has about half a dozen businesses that he is planning to contact.

Ms. Wetzig inquired if anyone is using Google Sheets as it has a feature where everyone can update it. Ms. Englemann agreed and added they could also share it and it may be easier than email if everyone decides to use it.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS – There were no comments from the audience

ADJOURN: 8:24 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Wetzig to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Avon Tree Commission, and the vote was: Ms. Englemann, “yes”; Mr. Smith, “yes”; Mr. Traxler, “yes”; Ms. Wetzig, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”.

The vote was 5 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

The next meeting of the Tree Commission is Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Markovitz, Assistant Clerk of Council

PASSED: _____

SIGNED BY: _____
Mr. Rick Varga, Chair

ATTEST:

Rachel Markovitz, Assistant Clerk of Council

Date