Shade Tree Commission Agenda November 10, 2022, 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers

- 1. Establish quorum
- 2. Approval of October 2022 Minutes
- 3. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right of Way Issues, Public Land
 - New Commissioner appointments: update on amending Code for up to two members who live outside City limits
- 4. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues
 - No Title 37 items
- 5. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy
 - No tree canopy maintenance items
- 6. New Business
 - Reports
 - Tree Planting Committee updates
 - o Dog Park project
 - o Riparian project
 - o Neighborhood ROW project
 - Event and Education Committee
 - o Sustainability videos
 - Arbor Day Celebration report and Proclamation (appended to Agenda); plans for 2023
 - Fall bus stop tree planting by Arbor Day Committee report; plans for 2023
 - Intern/work-study student for Shade Tree Commission
- 7. Old Business
 - ODNR grant application
 - Tree City and Growth Award applications update
- 8. Opportunity for citizens to speak on items not covered on the agenda
- 9. Adjournment

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Whereas: In 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

Whereas: This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

Whereas: Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

Whereas: Trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife; and

Whereas: Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

Whereas: Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

Whereas: Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Whereas: On Friday, November 4th, 2022, the City of Athens' Arbor Day Celebration will be held at the new East State Street Dog Park for a tree planting ceremony.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Patterson, Mayor of the City of Athens, Ohio, do hereby proclaim November 4th, 2022 as:

Arbor Day

in our city and urge all citizens to observe this day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name and caused the seal of the City of Athens to be affixed this 4th day of November, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

Mayor, City of Athens

