



WTB Meetings are the first Wednesday of each Month at 3:30pm at the Ohio County Public Library.

This meeting: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026

Next meeting: Up for discussion...

Please attend in person if you can, if you cannot, please let us know before the meeting and we will open the 2026 zoom link below. If you do not let us know the zoom will not be open.

<https://wvu.zoom.us/j/92413619042?pwd=TqcAdcxYe62IAkLeu9RgEjwl3KG6ZG.1>

Meeting ID: 924 1361 9042 Passcode: jfpSwg88

Email us at: treeboard@wheelingwv.gov

1. Minutes from last meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Ongoing Business
 - a. New Board Members and Chairperson
 - i. If you are interested in becoming an official Wheeling Tree Board Member, send your resume to julianne.latynski@mail.wvu.edu. She will forward your nomination to the City for Mayoral approval. Note: you do not need to be a tree expert, you just need to care about trees!
 - ii. Karen is stepping down as Chair this month. Please share your nomination (self-nominations are welcome). Note: you do not need to have a tree degree to be chair of a tree board. You just need to care enough to step up as a leader.
 - b. USFS Grant update
 - i. Emma introduction
 - ii. Two more trees were planted at Pulaski Park on 5/21. Thank you for your help, Daniel and Seth!
 - iii. Julianne in the process of writing the Community Tree Grant.
 - c. Upcoming Community Events
 - i. Ohio River Splashtacular – June 7th noon-4pm at Heritage Port. We will be tabling there. Please contact Julianne to volunteer for a time slot.
 - ii. Ohio County Country Fair – October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at Oglebay's Levinson Shelter. We will need volunteers to table so please mark your calendars!
 - d. Tree Planting Planning
 - i. Potentially one replacement tree in Mozart needs planted, but other than that, we are done for the Spring season! Planning begins for Fall 2026.
 - e. Grant Opportunity
 - i. Community Tree Grant Writing in progress! No longer for stump removal, but Silva Cell project at the South Wheeling Pool.
 - f. Outreach Planning
4. New Business
 - a. Canopy Protection Grant – funding received April 30th (must be spent by March 2027); hiring part-time position.
 - b. Street Planter monitoring and management
5. Public comment/for the good of the order.

Tree Board Meeting Minutes – May 6th, 2026

Attendance: Mary Suhler, Tony Assaro, Julianne Latynski, Polly Karr, John Byrd, Ryan Wilson, and Paige Kubacka

KAREN IS STEPPING DOWN AS TREE BOARD CHAIR! PLEASE APPLY IF INTERESTED!

Treasurer's Report: \$9,446.52 to be spent by June 30th! (Ordering tabling materials, magnets, buttons, “water me” hanging flyers)

USFS Grant updates: Ohio County Extension Office has moved again! City-County Building, Room 406. Meeting with Ritchie Principal and Rochelle Barry went well! Proposing a Silva Cell plan for summer 2027. Garden Park planting went well. 32 Kindergarten and 1st graders from Corpus Christi joined us to plant a hackberry and they each got to plant 4 seeds to take home! Thank you to the Master Gardeners for helping plant two trees in South Wheeling! Our intern, Emma, will be starting on May 18th.

Arbor Day: a **treemendous** success! Thank you, Karen J, for another year of your service and leadership!

Tree Planting Planning: 4/10 at 10 am, Edgwood Park - ARBOR DAY! 4/10 at 1:30 pm, Garden Park - planting one tree with Corpus Christi Elementary; planting and scarifying seeds with K-2nd grade. 4/11 at 9:30 am, Pulaski Park and 35th Street Field – 3 trees with Ohio County Master Gardeners. Planting two more trees in Pulaski; Ryan to deliver. Planting area ideas: Hil Dar Wheeling Housing Authority, Fulton Park, 470 Sports Complex, Elm Run on Elm Street, Robrecht Park (once complete), “park” on Island side of suspension bridge.

Upcoming Community Events: Ohio River Splashtacular June 7th from noon to 4 PM at Heritage Port.

Grant Opportunity: Community Tree Grant – stump removal within the grant area. Julianne has begun the application.

New Business: Canopy Protection Grant – Funding received April 30th (must be spent by April 2027); hiring a part-time position. Potentially a new meeting day/time? Mary can no longer make Wednesdays.