



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

**This meeting: Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

*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=TqcAdcxYe62lAkLeu9RgEjwl3KG6ZG.1>

Meeting ID: 924 1361 9042 Passcode: jfpSwg88

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1. Minutes from last meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. \$401.73 charge from U.S. Bank cleared up?
3. Ongoing Business
  - a. USFS Grant update (Julianne)
    - i. The Wheeling Island Tree Maintenance and Removal bid was awarded to LaRoche Tree Service.
    - ii. Neighbors have been notified, contracts have been signed, and permits are approved.
    - iii. Work will begin ASAP
  - b. Upcoming Community Events
4. New Business
  - a. Tree Planting Planning
    1. South Wheeling sites TBD
    2. Garden Park – one tree to replace one removed by June 2026
    3. Wheeling Island – 10 trees removed = 10 trees planted by 2027
  - b. Grant Opportunity
    - i. 2025 Communitree Grant – stump removal within the grant area
      1. Julianne to work on application
  - c. Outreach Planning
    - i. Arbor Day 2026
      1. *Celtis occidentalis* and *Diospyros virginiana* ordered
      2. Planning committee lead: Karen Jaunsen
      3. Location: Fulton Park
5. Public comment/for the good of the order

## Tree Board Meeting Minutes – December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Attendance: Karen Cox, Mary Suhler, Kim McCluskey, Tony Assaro, Julianne Latynski, and Polly Karr.

- Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$9,548.27, including an unknown \$401.73 charge from U.S. Bank (Mary to investigate)
- The Wheeling Island Tree Maintenance and Removal bid was *actually* published 11/21. Bids will be opened December 4th at 2pm in the Ohio County Extension Office
- Tree Purchasing and Planting Planning
  - o South Wheeling (this winter?)
  - o Garden Park – one tree to replace one removed by June 2026
  - o Wheeling Island – 10 trees removed = 10 trees planted by 2027
- 2025 Communitree Grant
  - o up to \$20k for tree planting and maintenance
  - o 50/50 Check match, volunteer (\$21/hr), and in-kind values count
  - o Only applies to our Urban Forestry Grant area
  - o Stump removal?
- Arbor Day 2026
  - o *Celtis occidentalis* and *Diospyros virginiana* ordered
  - o Planning committee lead, Karen Jaunsen, to reach out to Carly Ditmore
  - o Location: Fulton Park
- Edgewood Park – trees are needed; Tony to speak with that councilperson.