



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

This meeting: Wednesday, May 6th, 2026

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 3rd, 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=TqcAdcxYe62IAkLeu9RgEjwl3KG6ZG.1>

Meeting ID: 924 1361 9042 Passcode: jfpSwg88

Email us at: treeboard@wheelingwv.gov

1. Minutes from last meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. -\$400 for stump removals at Edgewood Park; quote for \$800 to remove another.
 - b. We've got \$\$\$ to spend. How would you like to do so?
 - i. Promotional materials for events? "Water me" tree tags? More trees??
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 to forward to the City.
 - ii. Karen is stepping down as Chair next month. Interested applicants, please apply!
 - b. USFS Grant update
 - i. Ohio County Extension Office has moved again! City-County Building, Room 406.
 - ii. Meeting with Ritchie Principal and Rochelle Barry went well! Proposing a Silva Cell plan for summer 2027.
 - iii. 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!
 - iv. Thank you to the Master Gardeners for helping plant two trees in South Wheeling!
 - v. Our intern will be starting on May 18th
 - vi. Watering volunteers –would you like me to make you a map of the recently planted trees that need watering?
 - c. Arbor Day was a **treemendous** success! Thank you, Karen J, for another year of your service and leadership!
 - d. 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.
 - e. Tree Planting Planning
 - i. Julianne needs assistance planting two more trees in South Wheeling's Pulaski Park. Tentative date May 15th at 7:30 am.
 - ii. Is there anywhere outside of the grant area y'all would like to get trees planted this spring/fall??
 - f. Grant Opportunity

i. Community Tree Grant is in the works! 100(ish) stumps for removal; planting trees on a 1:4 basis. Mary to survey Mt. Wood and Peninsula Cemeteries' stumps.

g. Outreach Planning

4. New Business

a. Canopy Protection Grant – funding received April 30th (must be spent by April 2027); hiring part-time position.

5. Public comment/for the good of the order.

Tree Board Meeting Minutes – April 1st, 2026

Attendance: Karen Cox, Mary Suhler, Tony Assaro, Julianne Latynski, Deb Messham, Rowan Messham, Ryan Wilson (virtually), and Karen Jaunsen (virtually).

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

Treasurer's Report: \$9,846 to be spent by June!

USFS Grant updates: Ohio County Extension Office is moving again! (but we still know nothing). 3/14 planting went GREAT! We got 8 trees in the ground in under two hours with the help of 19 Linsly volunteers. 3/21 planting was also successful. We had 7 volunteers from the community, Bethany College, and WLU planted 2 trees and mulch an additional 3 trees. The last day of our arborist training is tomorrow. Arboriculture students pruned 39 ginkgo trees along Main Street last Friday.

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.

Upcoming Community Events: Arbor Day Proclamation on Tuesday, April 7th at 5:30pm at the City Council Meeting.

Grant Opportunity: 2025 Communitree Grant – stump removal within the grant area. Julianne to survey stumps and begin application. Received a Canopy Protection Grant.

Outreach Planning: Karen & Julianne to meet with Pitchie Principal on 4/15 to discuss Silva Cell project!