



**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 4:00 pm**  
**Commission Chambers, City Hall**

Members Present: Jim Arthur, Morgan Drabik-Hamshare, Kippie Loughlin, John Parker, Commissioner Waddington

Staff Present: Scott Kromer, Nate Leimeister, Elisabeth Sowecke

**Old Business**

Minutes from November 2022 and March 2023 were approved.

Forestry Foreman, Nate Leimeister presented the following tree stats:

**Tree Stats:**

141	Removed (including @ Oakland Cemetery)
130	Stumps Removed
63	Limb-Up
54	Complete Trims
111	Young Tree Training
40	Storm Clean-Up
115	Inspections
105	To be removed
44	To be trimmed
94	Stumps to be removed

Staff provided a summary of the Arbor Day event that took place the Erie County Senior Center. Due to heavy rains, the tree planting at the Intermediate School was delayed but Nate Leimeister and John Parker performed a tree presentation at a luncheon at the Erie County Senior Center that was open to the public.

Mr. Leimeister also performed a mulching demonstration at the Sandusky Public Library in May and the demonstration was recorded so that the City of Sandusky communications manager could create a PSA to circulate on social media. Additionally, signs were posted in-front of the three trees to bring attention to proper mulching techniques.

**New Business**

Plans for Tree Commission and City Forestry staff to attend the Touch-A-Truck event in August were discussed and Mr. Parker, Mr. Loughlin and Mr. Arthur all agree to attend in order to bring awareness to the importance of trees to the general public. The new bucket truck, as well as the new Avant will be showcased and kid's activity sheet from the Arbor Day Foundation and stickers will be provided.

Ms. Drabik-Hamshare asked whether the spotted lantern flies had been identified in the area yet and Mr. Leimeister indicated that they had not. She indicated that they were currently present in Pittsburg.

The meeting can be viewed in-full here: [City of Sandusky Tree Commission Meeting 07 18 2023 - YouTube](#).