

Tree Commission June 2026 (Minutes)

Members Present - Louise McClelland

Stevie Cain

Josh Mims

Andrew Blejwas

William Rooks

Quinn Hilyer

Urban Forestry - Donovan Ballard

Legal - Victoria Shoots

Alabama Power - Eric Garrett

William motions to adopt agenda and Louise seconds

Andrew shows treasury report at \$29,332.86. At this time there are no payments outstanding. Quinn motions to accept treasury report and Stevie seconds

The first permit request is at 307 N Jackson St -

A small oak tree is potentially in the way of building a new driveway. The tree itself appears to be in good shape. There is no

representative present from the property to make a case for removing the tree. Alabama Power say it appears that the tree has no

energized conductor going through it. Louise suggests lay over for a month to allow the applicant to be there. Andrew seconds

the motion. Quin states he would have just denied it. Motion passes

Second permit is 5133 Cottage Hill Rd

Wawa gas station wants to remove 5 live oaks so their sign can be seen better. Some conversation about potentially moving the sign

is had. Applicant states its not financially feasible. Stevie makes a motion to deny. Andrew seconds. Applicant asks about the

potential for taking just one and planting five but William says that the commission would need to see those plans. Donovan mentions

there isn't a way to prune these to standard and have desired effect. motion passes

New business -

Gale Lee from the Detonti Neighborhood Association asks to speak with the commission about a tree planting project. with the commissions

help she will get a proposal to plant around 12 trees. tree commission appears enthusiastic. Quinn asks what she wants from us currently
Gale says she will prepare with Donovan and see the commission soon

Alabama Work Summary -

Many fallen trees and limb failures due to rain
They have a new sub station being built on cottage hill
Shane Dunning will be the new city forester.

Elections -

No Change in officers at this time
William Rooks - Chairman
Andrew Blewjas - vice chair
Josh Mims - secretary / treasurer

Quinn wants to know about Michigan Avenue. He suggests asking for a meeting with the mayor between 2-3 commissioners. He puts a motion on the table and
Louise seconds. motion passes

Stevie motions to adjourn, Louise seconds