

## **Application for the Parks Advisory Board Tree Sub-Committee**

### **Committee Composition**

- 1 Staff member (Park Superintendent or designee)
- 2 Park Board members
- 4 Resident volunteers

### **Committee Terms and Duration**

2 Park Board members and 4 Residents will voluntarily serve one-year terms on the Tree Committee

The Tree Committee will formally meet 3 times per year on the first Thursday of off months in which the PRCA Advisory Board meets. Park board representatives, as required may call special business or work meetings. Dates and times for meetings will be determined annually upon confirmation of the Park Advisory Board meeting schedule and at the final Park Advisory Board meeting of the following year.

### **Committee Objectives**

- Continue the strong history of stewardship and proper management for trees and the City of Kettering Urban Canopy
- Build advocacy for the programs and services the City of Kettering provides in relation to its Urban Canopy
- Provide recommendations and assist with future tree related policies and/or ordinances within the City of Kettering
- Review and provide input on tree-related operations

### **Committee Background**

In 2020, the Parks Division completed a citywide tree inventory and risk assessment of all trees that it maintains. This included trees located in parks, medians, vacant lots, public properties/facilities and some buffer strips. Although the City of Kettering has a longstanding reputation for proper management and care for its urban canopy, the city has never formally entertained the creation of a recognized commission or volunteer committee to have organized efforts in the city's management, preservation, conservation of public trees.

As a 38 yr. recipient of the Arbor Day Foundation-Tree City USA program, the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources-Forestry Division (Forestry Division administers the Tree City USA program locally within the State of Ohio) highly recommends and desires a Shade Tree Commission or similarly functioning volunteer group to have input and advocacy in the communities tree care management practices. In an effort to support that, PRCA (specifically the Parks Division) proposed the creation of a Park Advisory Board sub-committee that would serve that role within the City of Kettering. In February of 2020, the PRCA Advisory Board approved the creation of the 7-person Tree sub-committee. Due to the CoVid-19 pandemic, the formation of the committee was postponed until 2021.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Residence in Kettering: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ College or Training: \_\_\_\_\_

Your qualifications for this application for the parks advisory board tree sub-committee:

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Why you are interested in this committee and what it would mean for you: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please feel free to attach additional information.

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