RESOLUTION 26 - 50, 2026
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SHAWNEE TREE COMPANY TO REMOVE DISEASED AND DAMAGED STREET TREES ON COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP-OWNED PROPERTIES, DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees established a comprehensive street tree program to preserve our community's beneficial tree canopy which enhances the appearance of our neighborhoods, attracts new residents, and enhances housing values; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Administration manages the township's tree program through a street tree inventory, assessment, and preservation or replacement for more than 1,200 trees in the public right-of-way and on township-owned properties; and,

WHEREAS, the Township's must address continuing tree safety and nuisance issues with our inventory which are caused by frequent severe storms, aging, damage, disease, and severe cutting by utility companies; and

WHEREAS, the Township's professional, nationally certified contract arborist works with the Public Works Superintendent to regularly assess the health of street trees in the public right-of-way and on Township-owned property. The arborist and Superintendent identify trees for removal due to disease or damage which are deemed to be a public hazard to the safety, health and welfare of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Road & Services crew removes smaller street trees utilizing general Township equipment but must contract for professional tree removal services for large trees and when a large number of trees are impacted by weather or disease; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Township solicited proposals to remove diseased and damaged trees in a June 16th Request for Proposals with July 10th addendum, hereinafter known as the "Project," and the Administrator and Public Works Superintendent recommend that the Board of Trustees accept the attached proposal from Shawnee Tree, 3839 Round Bottom Rd., Cincinnati, 45244 for $23,500.00; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and welfare of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board, upon majority vote, hereby dispenses with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorizes the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, for the benefit and welfare of Columbia Township and its citizens, hereby authorizes the Township administrator to enter into a contract in the amount of $23,500.00 with Shawnee Tree.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the Township must award the contract at the earliest possible time to remove leaning and/or dead trees to provide for safe travel along public streets and safe access to public properties.

Motion to accept Resolution made by: MR. KUBICKI

Seconded by: MR. LAMAR

VOTE:

TRUSTEE	**Voting**	**Signature**	**Date**
David Kubicki, Chair	Yes		08-11-2026
Brian Lamar, Vice-Chair	yes		08-11-2026
Steve Brokamp, Trustee	Yes		08-11-2026

ATTEST: Caroline B. Heekin 08-11-2026

Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATE

State of Ohio, Hamilton County

I, Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 26-50 is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of the township, and that it has been compared by me with the resolution on the record and is a true copy.

08-11-2026
Date

Caroline B. Heekin
Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer

Refer to Attached Tree Removal Proposal

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