

Lambertville Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting

March 9, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:34. Present were Emily Goldman, Susan Wydick, Art Legere, Deborah Galen, and Irene Rudolph.

New Business:

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as written. Susan Wydick abstained as she was not at the January meeting. There was no meeting in February due to inclement weather.

- A. We reviewed the application for removal of a Zelkova at 28 Elm St. The homeowner claimed in her application that the tree was actually on City property and that the City was responsible for removing it. The Commission agreed unanimously that it was a healthy tree and should not be removed. But it was noted that according to the survey, it was on City property. It was determined that the tree could benefit from trimming and the homeowner would be so advised. Regarding the sidewalk repair, we will recommend to the homeowner that her contractor speak to one of the commissioners as to how to repair the sidewalk without damaging the tree roots.
- B. Commission voted unanimously to grant approval to trim the tree at 30 Delevan St.
- C. St. John's has finally gotten a permit from the DOT and has notified us that they hope to have the 3 Pin oaks on Bridge St. removed soon. They advised us that they want to plant Zelkova Serrata "musashino" to replace the Pin Oaks. We looked at images of that variety and all agreed that they are too columnar in shape and therefore not appropriate for Bridge St as replacements for the large, spreading oaks. We suggested that they plant either Princeton Elm or American Beech. Emily will advise St. John's of our recommendation.

Old Business:

- A. Susan Wydick advised she is making no progress with having Wells Fargo replace the dead trees. The warranty for the trees has since expired. Emily said she will personally go into the bank and speak to someone or find out whom we need to contact.
- B. Regarding the list of Recommended Trees: Susan will pare down the list and categorize into large, medium, and small in size.
- C. Emily requested that we each review the Community Forestry Management Plan and give her our comments in writing to send back to the Forester.
- D. Public Works removed a dead tree at the Library but left the stump. We need to advise that the stump must be ground down.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Rudolph