

Lambertville Shade Tree Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting

July 14, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:32. Present were Emily Goldman, Deborah Galen and Irene Rudolph.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Old Business:

- A. Deborah asked if we could get a copy of the list of locations where the donated trees were planted last year. She has noted some small trees that are dead or dying and would like to verify whether any of them are donated ones. Emily suggested that there might be a way to get them replaced if they have a guarantee. She will ask Scott Consoli who was in charge of the planting.
- B. Deborah want to establish a short list of recommended street trees - with 2 categories: one suitable for location under power and other lines and one for where there are no wires to consider. Scott Consoli put together a very long list but we need to narrow it down to a reasonable list and have some variety so we don't have a monoculture.
- C. We agreed that we need to continue to pursue the issue of the illegal tree trimming and removal on S. Franklin.
- D. No report on the Wells Fargo trees as Susan Wydick was not present.

New Business:

- A. We reviewed the Tree Action request from Darlene Yuhas, 35 Buttonwood St. regarding the Maple in front of her house. Rutgers evaluated the tree and advised that it suffered from cold temperature stress from the rough winter and a fungus - cytospora canker - which attacks plant tissue. We approved removal of the tree with the condition that the tree be replaced with a native species with better immunity to the cytospora canker.
- B. We reviewed a Tree Action request from Bank of America to remove or trim 3 large Pin Oak trees on South Union just south of Bridge St. We visited the site to assess the trees. The

1st and the 3rd are both in bad shape and clearly dying. The middle tree is healthy looking but needs trimming and would benefit from treatment. We approved removing the 2 dead trees with the condition that 2 replacement trees be planted as well as a 3rd tree in the empty pit where a tree had been previously removed and not replaced. We will also require they obtain a 2 year maintenance guarantee.

C. We reviewed a Tree Action request from James McBride, 73 South Main St. He had been advised by his contractor the a tree which has raised the sidewalk in front of his house must be removed. Mr. McBride does not want to remove the tree and was requesting guidance. Our assessment of the tree and sidewalk did not agree with the contractor's.

Deborah will send a letter advising that the sidewalk could easily be repaired and adjusted to accommodate the tree roots.

D. We discussed the fact that it was difficult to locate on line the Tree Action Request form. It

Is not on the website of the Shade Tree Commission but on City site with the various forms.

Emily will talk to Cindy Ege to put a link on the Shade Tree page directing to the form.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Irene Rudolph