

Lancaster City Shade Tree Commission
 MINUTES - November 17, 2015
 City Hall, Commission Room - 120 N. Duke St.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

The minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
39-15	329 N. Queen St. – Keppel Building.	Plant 2 Shademaster honey locusts – revised development plan	Continued

New Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
41-15	242 N. Mary St.	Remove honey locust	Approved. Replacement shall be small/medium canopy tree suitable for under power lines. Arborist will discuss species, location, and size of tree well with owner.
42-15	321 W. Chestnut St. – St. John’s Church	Remove London plane	Tabled. Further information needed on: severity of lean, roots under the sidewalk, legality of proposed handicap parking spaces from W. Chestnut St. As formal plans are developed and if removal is allowed, owner will consider: location of replacement tree in relation to building, width of right of way, choice of a large shade tree.

Discussion Items:

1. Update on Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. Information was presented on the number of trees in parks and on streets that have been removed or treated, and the expenditures under the DCNR grant. A bid will soon be awarded for removal of trees in Long’s Park. Some owners have not responded to letters about their intentions for street trees.
2. Request for ideas from city staff and commission members for 2016 Hartman Fund expenditures. Requests should be submitted before the Dec. 15 meeting.
3. Update on PPL line clearance request and letter to property owners. Several Bradford pears on the 000 block of E. Walnut St. have been removed. No further information on letter.
4. Update on Lancaster Tree Volunteer Group (Lancaster County Conservancy/Urban Greening Committee). The planning team has developed a strategy to move forward with establishing the group to engage the community in planting and caring for trees.
5. Update on tree inventory. No new information.

6. Update on storm water fee credit for tree planting. A proposal for a credit for tree planting (and other credits) will be posted soon on the city's web site, for a 30 day comment period.

7. Walkability Study (Jeff Speck) recommendations on trees – upcoming discussion by City Traffic Commission. Comments will be submitted to the city administration.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next meeting December 15, 2015, 7:30 PM