

Lancaster City Shade Tree Commission  
MINUTES - January 19, 2016  
City Hall, Commission Room - 120 N. Duke St.

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

The minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting were approved.

**New Business:**

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
01-16		Election of chairperson for 2016	Carl Pike was elected chairperson.
02-16	116 E. Ross St.	Remove linden – sidewalk and foundation damage	Denied. Arborist will advise to enlarge tree well.
03-16	619 N. Franklin St.	Remove maple – sidewalk raised	Denied. Arborist will advise to crown raise.
04-16	716 Emerald Dr.	Remove maple – install handicap parking sign	Denied. Arborist will advise on location for sign away from tree.
05-16	945 E. Madison St.	Remove maple – damage to sewer vent, roots in sewer line, sewer backup	Tabled. Information requested from owner – get photos inside sewer line, investigate relocating vent.

Discussion Items:

1. Discussion of proposals from city staff and commission members for 2016 Hartman Fund expenditures. A proposal to obtain inventory and work management software from Plan-It Geo, Inc. for use by the city, the commission, and the public was endorsed. A grant may be sought for this. A second proposal was for informational signage at the arboreta in Buchanan and Reservoir Parks.
2. Update on PPL line clearance request and letter to property owners. The letter does not meet the Commission's expectations and will be referred back to PPL. No further tree removals (except for hazard trees, subject to the arborist's approval) are to take place this year, pending further discussions with the Commission and the city.
3. Update on Lancaster Tree Volunteer Group (Lancaster County Conservancy/Urban Greening Committee). A spring tree planting in the Southwest neighborhood is being organized. Additional trees may also be planted in the Northeast. Funds are from Tree Vitalize, the Hartman Fund, and other grants.
4. Update on tree plantings to replace removed ash trees.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Next meeting February 16, 2016, 7:30 PM