

Lancaster City Shade Tree Commission
 MINUTES – March 15, 2016
 City Hall, Commission Room - 120 N. Duke St.

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

The minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
06-16	555 S. Water St. – fire truck sales/repair	Land development plans – remove 2 honey locusts to allow adequate space for vehicle movement, replace one tree (Cockspur Hawthorn) on site, two elsewhere.	Removal approved the removal of the two trees to allow adequate space for the vehicle ingress/egress. Approved replacement with one thornless honey locust as shown on Lighting/Planting Plan, Sheet No. 8 of 11, prepared by M L Saxinger & Associates, Inc. for Command Fire Apparatus and dated 1/14/16, and as noted on the same plan, “provide 2 street trees to City to be planted elsewhere in the City.” Species and location to be determined by Arborist. Owner was advised that certain proposed invasive shrub species are not allowed in the city.

New Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	RECOMMENDED ACTION*
10-16	930 E. Walnut St.	PPL is requesting approval to remove red maple that the owner feels is an “eyesore” following each pruning.	Approved. Arborist will advise on replacement species suitable for under power lines and location, either with a radius in the existing sidewalk or on the house side of the sidewalk.
11-16	517 E. Frederick St.	PPL is requesting approval to remove crabapple in order to safely replace existing utility pole.	Approved. PPL will provide 2 trees, one for planting near existing site (with larger tree well or on the house side of sidewalk) and one in empty tree well in NE neighborhood as part of Lancaster Tree Tenders Spring 2016 tree planting. Species and locations to be determined by Arborist.
12-16	211 Fairview Ave.	PPL is requesting approval to remove zelkova in order to safely replace existing utility pole.	Approved. PPL will provide 2 trees, one for planting near existing site (with larger tree well) and one in empty tree well in SW

			neighborhood as part of Lancaster Tree Tenders 2016 tree planting. Species and locations to be determined by Arborist.
13-16	1160 Manheim Pike	Land development plans - remove sugar maple (species needs to be confirmed – not in city inventory) to allow a new driveway and replace with same species nearby in the planting strip.	Approved. Contractor will determine if existing tree can be moved or if a new one will be planted. Exact location to be determined once plans for hydrant are finalized. Commission advised that there should be greater diversity of trees on property, somewhat fewer honey locusts, and many fewer serviceberries.

Discussion Items:

1. Arborist Report

- Marriott expansion– recommended trees are 2 Armstrong Red Maple with structural soil.
- 945 E. Madison St. – the ROW is 8 feet; arborist will consult with owner on location of replacement tree.
- 115 E. King St – owner notified that sidewalk permit and structural soil are required.
- 135 N. Mary – owner notified that at time of tree removal tree well should be enlarged.
- 438 W. Orange St. – PPL trimmed the tree instead of removing it
- 610 Second St. – owner’s request that replacement trees not be placed in the fenced yard was not acceptable given past Commission decision. Staff will recommend suitable species.

2. Discussion of 2016 Hartman Fund expenditures. Staff will present a proposal for expenditures for trees.

3. Update on Lancaster Tree Volunteer Group (renamed Lancaster Tree Tenders). Plans continuing for tree planting in southwest neighborhood in spring and in the northeast neighborhood in the spring or fall.

4. Update on past tree removals and plantings.

- Tree removals from last 6 months
- Removal of ash trees and replantings in Long’s Park nearly complete.
- Bids due March 23 for removal of ash trees on streets.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Next meeting April 19, 2016, 7:30 PM

