

Lancaster City Shade Tree Commission
 MINUTES - July 21, 2015
 City Hall, Commission Room - 120 N. Duke St.

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

The minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
18-15	116-124 N. Prince St.	Revised plans for trees on N. Water St. side of Surveyor Hotel	More information will be sought on location of trees in parking lot.

New Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
26-15	640 S. Franklin St. Shell's Recycling	Land development plans will be presented	Approved planting of 5 large canopy trees (2-3 species), 2 on S. Franklin St. and 3 on Stevens Ave., located as shown on final plan dated 4/30/2015. Bower will advise and approve species selection as per Arboriculture Manual.
27-15	434 W. Walnut St.	Remove little leaf linden – power line trimming	Approved. Replacement shall be small/medium canopy tree suitable for under power lines. Arborist will discuss species with owner.
28-15	115 Nevin St.	Remove sweet gum – sidewalk; root pushing against foundation	Tabled. Request information from owner on foundation issue and on plans for curb and sidewalk repairs and tree replacement if tree is removed.
29-15	244 W. Lemon St.	Remove honey locust – sidewalk; root flare damaged	Approved. Replacement shall be small/medium canopy tree suitable for under power lines. Arborist will discuss species with owner. Bare root specimen recommended. Tree pit will be narrow but as long as possible.
30-15	512 Prospect St.	Remove Norway maple	Denied. Recommend crown thinning and sidewalk radius.

Discussion Items:

1. Presentation on tree planting project in northeast area. Kristen Thomas, other neighbors, the Lancaster County Conservancy, and the Lancaster City Alliance are encouraging property owners to plant trees (provided free through the Tree Vitalize grant). A tentative planting date will be Oct. 17, 2015.

2. Emerald Ash Borer update. Removal of street and park trees by the city arborist crew is continuing. A contract for removing 50 trees in Long's Park is being bid. About 20 trees have been treated with TreeAge.
3. Proposed new city parking lot ordinance – matters related to trees. This document is mainly concerned with construction standards. A Supplemental Specifications document is being written. Requirements for location, number, etc. of trees are contained in the Zoning Ordinance.
4. Update on sidewalks and trees, Walkability Study. Deferred to August meeting.
5. Update on volunteer engagement with Lancaster County Conservancy/Urban Greening Committee. Discussions are underway to develop a plan for a permanent organization, within the Conservancy, to coordinate volunteer efforts and conduct community outreach about tree planting and care.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Next meeting August 18, 2015, 7:30 PM