

Lancaster City Shade Tree Commission
 MINUTES - February 21, 2017
 City Hall, Commission Room - 120 N. Duke St.

Present: Jim Bower, Christina Leslie, Shirlie O’Leary, Carl Pike, Mimi Shapiro, Robert Shenk, Douglas Smith

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

The minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
45-16	210 S. West End Ave.	Remove 2 Norway spruces causing property damage	Approved. Arborist will advise on location for 1 tree in front yard and appropriate species for under power lines. Owner will pay for second tree nearby, species and location to be determined by arborist.

New Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
1-17	224 E. New St.	Remove 1 holly growing over porch roof.	Denied. Arborist will issue pruning permit and advise on pruning branches off porch roof.

Discussion Items:

1. Arborist’s Report.

- A fastigate European hornbeam will be planted at 119 E. King St. (Lancaster Chamber building). There is very limited space at the site.

- The tree crew will be planting approximately 52 street trees this spring. Of these, 37 are replacements for ash trees.

2. Sustainability Planner’s Report

- An information sheet about the city tree planting program and the emerald ash borer will be included in the property tax bills.

- Lancaster Tree Tenders is launching a crowdfunding campaign in March, with a goal of \$20,000 for street and back yard trees.

- First United Methodist Church will plant 10 trees on their property at N. Duke and E. Lemon Sts.

- Commission members are encouraged to attend the contractors’ workshop on structural soil – March 21, 9-10:30 AM, City Council chamber.

- The Downtown Investment District will provide partial funding (with owners) for the replacement of trees in empty wells in the district. City staff have identified the empty wells and the DID will contact the owners.

- The city and the school district have applied for a U.S. Environmental Protection Administration grant that would fund a program for students to learn the benefits of urban trees while taking inventory of empty tree wells and identifying tree species. These topics will be integrated into the curriculum.

3. Comments from Commission Members.

- Ms. O’Leary provided a design for improving the tree wells and sidewalks along E. Vine St. at Case Commons park.

- Mr. Shenk reported that planning is moving forward for planting of a large caliper white oak at King Elementary School. A suitable plaque honoring Mr. Nelson Polite, Sr. will be installed.

4. Other Discussion Items

- Commission members should submit proposals for Hartman Fund expenditures before the next meeting. Mr. Smith will provide a list of pending city projects that could be supported by the Hartman Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next meeting March 21, 2017, 7:30 PM