

Lancaster City Shade Tree Commission
 MINUTES - July 18, 2017
 City Hall, Commission Room - 120 N. Duke St.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

The minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting were approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
11-17	650 N. Prince St.	Remove 4 zelkovas 3.5-4”, obstructing stadium sign	Withdrawn
12-17	128 Prospect St.	Remove 13” Silver Maple, curbing replacement would severely damage roots	Approved. Arborist will discuss with owner replacement large canopy species.
13-17	602 Race Ave.	Remove 45” scarlet oak, internal decay	Approved. Arborist will discuss replacement small/medium canopy species and location with owner.
14-17	23 E. King St.	Remove 3.5” honey Locust and 7” elm, construction of multi-story building	Approved. Replacement trees, 1 American linden and 1 honey locust, 3” caliper if possible. Owner will pay city fee for a third tree.

Discussion Items:

1. Arborist Report

- * Parking Authority will remove and replace 1 gingko and crown clean 2 gingkoes at N. Prince St. garage.
- Treating 38 street and park trees for emerald ash borer; ashes in Long’s Park treated by contractor.
- The owner of 407 Church St. will plant replacement tree in Long’s Park.
- Downtown tree wells were mulched by the Lancaster City Alliance.
- PPL is trimming around lines on a 4 year cycle, and trimming greater distance around transformers.

2. Sustainability Planner’s Report

- Charlotte St. property owners have been contacted about the city planting trees as part of the upcoming street reconstruction. The planting will potentially be as many as 58 trees, in late 2018 or early 2019.
- A Tree Vitalize grant for \$15,000 is being submitted to plant trees in open wells.
- A \$31,000 grant was just received from National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (Five Stars Program) for a tree planting collaboration with the School District of Lancaster. This will fund a minimum of 200 street trees,

87 yard trees, and 2 acres of riparian buffer. Students will receive lessons on urban trees and be involved in tree planting and maintenance.

- A postcard mailer to the owners of approximately 2000 empty tree wells is being prepared.
- On July 13, 18 Lancaster Tree Tenders volunteers identified 414 tree planting locations (potential sites and a few existing empty tree wells combined) in the Southeast area.
- The summer intern has helped enter the data for identified tree planting locations. He has also been inventorying trees that should have been planted and maintained by land developments. The next step is to inspect those sites and determine if trees need to be replaced.

3. Comments from Commission Members

- The tree within the sculpture at the Eastern Market Plaza has died. Mr. Shenk, as a member of the Public Art Advisory Board, will investigate and report on the owner's plans to replace the tree. The sculpture blocks a tree grate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Next meeting, Tuesday, August 15, 7:30 PM