

Minutes – Street Tree Commission

Meeting on September 9th, 2015

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August meeting minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

LGH – Hospital Expansion project:

1. LGH gave an update for the hospital project. They are now proposing canopy trees along Lime Street. Also, they are proposing to install a continuous strip of structured soil along E. Fredrick Street.
2. They will install tree grates to match the existing tree grates located on Duke Street.
3. Tree species proposed are listed on the plan reviewed (plan dated 8-7-2015, last revised 9-10-2015) and described in a letter from ELA dated 9-10-2015.
Propose adding 3 trees within the parking lot east of and adjacent to Cherry Street. (Note: Only one tree was proposed on the plan reviewed.)
4. The Commissioners approved of this latest refinement of the plan and voted to send the Commission's recommendation to City Planning.

New Business:

- A. 34-15 314 W. Chestnut St.
 1. Owner requested removal of an Oak tree. PPL under agreement to removed tree.
 2. Commissioners voted to permit removal of the referenced tree with the following conditions:
 - a. Owner is required to plant a new street tree between the curb and sidewalk.
 - b. Replacement tree shall be planted in the same location or at a better location in front of the property.
 - c. Replacement tree shall be an understory tree of a species to be determined by the Owner in consultation with and approval by the City Arborist.
- B. 35-15 306 W. Chestnut St.
 1. Owner requested removal of Linden tree due to upcoming PPL power line pruning.
 2. Commissioners voted to permit removal of the referenced street tree. With the following conditions:
 - a. Replacement tree shall be planted in the same location as the existing tree between the curb and sidewalk.
 - b. Replacement tree shall be an understory tree of a species to be determined by the Owner in consultation with and approval by the City Arborist.
- C. 36-15 Buchanan Avenue (Note: Address on agenda is not correct)
 1. Owner requested permission to have the Cherry tree along Race Avenue removed for replacement due to the one sided crown growth.
 2. Commissioners voted to deny removal of the referenced tree.
 3. Commissioner's recommended the Owner to have the tree pruned to balance the growth habit
 4. Also recommended the Owner contact the City Arborist for a permit to prune the tree appropriately.
- D. 37-15 814 Union St.
 1. Owner requested the Sycamore tree because of concern of roots pushing sewer vent askew.
 2. Commissioners voted to deny removal of the referenced tree.
 3. The Commissioners also recommended the Owner have a qualified arborist/tree service carefully prune the surface root away from the sewer vent. This should be done sooner rather than later.
- E. A Draft of a flyer specifically informing owners to water their newly planted trees at least once a week was distributed and discussed.