

Lancaster City Shade Tree Commission
 MINUTES - October 18, 2016
 City Hall, Commission Room - 120 N. Duke St.

Present: Jim Bower, Karl Graybill, Lin Hanks, Staci Jasin, Christina Leslie, Shirlie O’Leary, Carl Pike, Robert Shenk, Mimi Shapiro

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

The minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting were approved

Old Business: None.

New Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
38-16	459 Fremont St	Remove 1 maple causing sewer backups	Approved, for replacement of sewer lateral. Arborist will advise on medium/large canopy species for replacement. Tree well to be enlarged to minimum 25 sq. ft.
39-16	W. Liberty St. and Harrisburg Ave. (LGH Behavioral Health Hospital)	Remove 2 black gums and 2 zelkovas	Approved. If trees cannot be replaced on site, owner will pay city fee of \$500 each.
40-16	432 Lancaster Ave	Remove 1 zelkova	Tabled by request of owner.
41-16	623 N Lime St	Remove 1 red maple for sidewalk repair	Denied. Sidewalk can probably be replaced without damaging tree. Arborist will supervise sidewalk removal and verify status of tree. Tree well to be enlarged to minimum 25 sq. ft.

Discussion Items:

1. Arborist Report. As part of the Lancaster Tree Tenders project, the arborist crew is planting 39 trees in the Southwest and 4 trees in the Northeast. An additional 37 trees are being planted as part of the regular tree planting program. Replacements for the ash street trees removed will be completed next spring.
2. Sustainability Planner Report. Next month the ash tree removals and replacements will be summarized. The year’s projected expenses from the Hartman Fund will be presented.
3. Comments from Commission Members. Members noted that with the decline in Tree Vitalize grant funds from DCNR, the city needs to establish a dedicated funding stream for the purchase of trees in order to make progress toward the tree canopy goal in the Green Infrastructure plan for managing stormwater.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Next meeting November 15, 2016, 7:30 PM