

Lancaster City Shade Tree Commission
 MINUTES – December 20, 2016
 City Hall, Commission Room - 120 N. Duke St.

Present: Karl Graybill, Lin Hanks, Christina Leslie, Shirlie O'Leary, Carl Pike, Mimi Shapiro

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

The minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting were approved

Old Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
42-16	233 Church St	Remove 1 Bradford pear	Approved. Arborist will advise on appropriate tree for under power lines and location. Tree well to be enlarged to minimum 25 sq. ft.

New Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
43-16	35 Erick Rd.	Land Development. Plant 18 trees: 8 on Erick Rd., 5 on unopened street, 5 in parking lot	Approved general plan and locations. Arborist will advise on substitutions for American hornbeams and flowering dogwoods. Structural soil to be used. Final plan to be submitted for approval.
44-16	231 S. Marshall St.	Remove 1 tulip poplar – root had raised basement floor, sidewalk raised.	Denied. Owner will secure sidewalk permit, Bower will inspect roots when sidewalk is raised and determine if any root removals would harm tree.
45-16	210 S. West End Ave.	Remove 2 Norway spruce – damage to property	Tabled until complete application is received documenting damage.
46-16	133 N. Shippen St.	Remove 1 zelkova – sewer backup	Tabled pending camera inspection of sewer to determine if pipe needs to be replaced; Arborist will be present at time of inspection.
47-17	414 E. King St.	Remove 1 pin oak and 1 little leaf linden	Approved. Trees are in decline. Permit will not be issued until plan is submitted and approved for replacement species and locations for these 2 trees and the empty pit (serviceberry) to the west. Arborist will advise on species for under these primary, insulated power lines.

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Discussion Items:

1. Arborist Report. Letters have been sent to owners of ash street trees that had been removed (about 60). Each owner will be given a choice of 2 species.
2. Sustainability Planner Report. Notification is expected in January on a TreeVitalize grant for ash replacements. An economic and ecological analysis of tree benefits is underway using the tree inventory and the iTrees program.
3. Comments from Commission Members. The Commission discussed ongoing concerns about the dates for pick-up of leaf bags; this year leaves were still on many trees when the program stopped. In some areas there was a pickup after the last scheduled date, but there was no notice to residents. In future years scheduled pickups should continue for a few weeks longer. These concerns [had been](#) communicated to the Solid Waste program manager.
4. The city's Tree Management Plan is nearly finished. An advisory committee will review the final draft and meet to discuss it. A few commission members should serve on this committee by contacting [Mr. Graybill](#).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next meeting January 17, 2017, 7:30 PM