

Lancaster City Shade Tree Commission
MINUTES – January 16, 2018
City Hall, Commission Room - 120 N. Duke St.

Present: Jim Bower, Kirsten Krimmel, Carl Pike, Robert Shenk, Douglas Smith, Ashley Spotts

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

The minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting were approved

Carl Pike was elected chairperson for 2018.

Old Business - none

New Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
1-18	771 Manor St.	Remove 1 red maple. Concerns about sidewalk and curb	Denied. Arborist will advise on enlarging tree well.

Discussion Items:

1. Arborist's Report

- Locations of hazard trees that were removed in 2015 and 2016 are being checked to see if owners have replanted as required.

- Ellen Roane (DCNR Community Forestry Program) is arranging for arborist firms to donate a day of labor to Lancaster City in celebration of Arbor Day and in recognition of our successful programs. The work will probably be done in Longs Park and other parks, where there was considerable damage from the September 2017 windstorm.

2. Sustainability Planner's Report

- Discussions within the Public Works Department are ongoing about the problem of owners not replacing trees that have been removed. Outreach efforts should be increased.

- At Hillrise apartments, the planting of about 60 trees is scheduled for April 27, as part of the property's green infrastructure plan. This project involves collaboration with Lancaster Tree Tenders and Lancaster Conservancy Urban Greening program. Funds for the trees may be available from Lancaster Tree Tenders and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

- The city's Arbor Day ceremony will be held at King Elementary School.

3. Other Discussion Items

- Mr. Smith will present information about projects that could be funded by the Hartman Fund in 2018, including purchase of trees. Following a suggestion to obtain equipment to detect internal cavities (such as resistograph or sonic tomograph), staff will investigate costs of ownership or hiring an arborist firm for such work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Next meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 7:30 PM