

Lancaster City Shade Tree Commission
 MINUTES – February 20, 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 7:30 PM.

The minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting were approved

Old Business - none

New Business:

ITEM	ADDRESS	REQUEST	ACTION
2-18	605 W. Walnut St. (Reynolds Middle School)	Transplant 1 cherry on Nevin St. to location further south.	Approved. Arborist to supervise root pruning and transplanting. Sustainability Planner's approval needed for Tree Protection Zones for street trees and trees within disturbance area. Arborist's approval needed for parking lot and landscape trees.
3-18	518 Greenfield Rd. (Sheetz)	Plant 6 Armstrong maples and 6 Okame cherries in city easements on Greenfield and Hempstead Rds.	Approved. In advisory role recommended approval of species and locations for parking lot and landscape trees, as shown on revised plan.

Discussion Items:

1. Arborist's Report

- Work continues to get previously-removed trees replaced by the owners.
- Planting sites in the DID area and in the commercial corridors are being identified. Funding mechanisms are being explored, in conjunction with grants (such as High Family Foundation, Lancaster Rotary Club, and Wells Fargo).
- Emerald ash borer has been found on the Stevens College campus. The college will be advised on how to protect their notable trees. Any sightings of the spotted lantern fly should be reported to the arborist and to DCNR.
- The Commission endorsed the request to use the Hartman Fund to purchase 3 trees for Shreiner-Concord Cemetery.

2. Sustainability Planner's Report

- About 50 new trees will be planted as part of the N. Charlotte St. reconstruction project.
- Arbor Day will involve a major tree planting effort in the Southeast area, with many volunteers. In addition to the interior landscape trees at Hillrise apartments (about 60-70 trees), trees (both in and outside the right of way) will be planted at Church St. Towers, King Elementary School, and SACA. Mr. Bower and Mr. Smith will recommend tree species and specific locations, in discussions with owners. Fifth-grade students from King School will be involved in the

planting. City officials will be present, and state officials have been invited. Substantial support for the project has been received from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the National Fish and Wildlife Federation grant. Lancaster Tree Tenders and the Lancaster County Conservancy are also involved in the planning and implementation. Outreach and media contacts for the effort are being coordinated by the city and the school district.

- Discussions are in progress with the owners of 129 N. Pine St., who have appealed the Commission's decision denying the request to remove the little-leaf linden.

3. Comments from Commission Members

- Mr. Sherk gave examples of large planters that might be used at downtown locations where the sidewalks are over basements or utility vaults. The Lancaster City Alliance is discussing the use of such planters with several property owners. Small trees, such as cherries, could be planted. Watering the trees needs to be addressed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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